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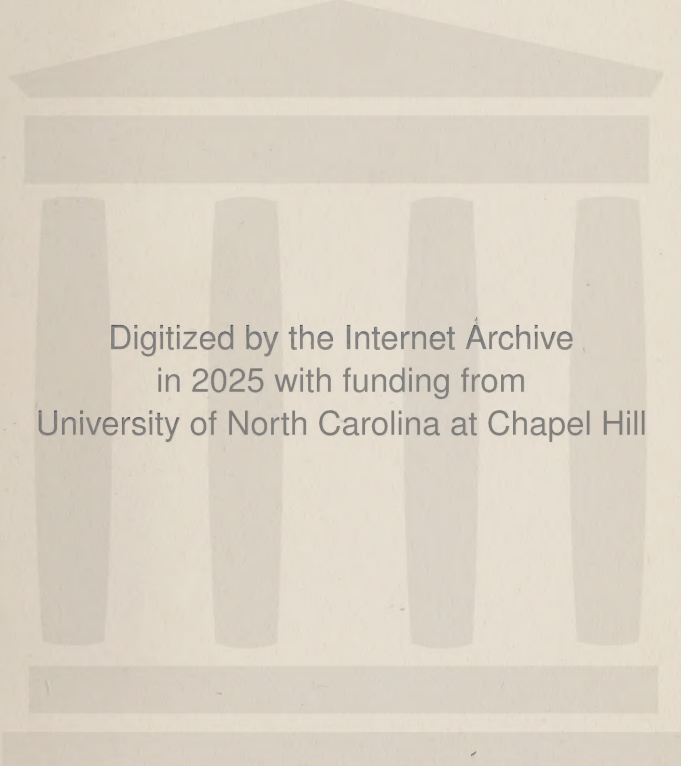
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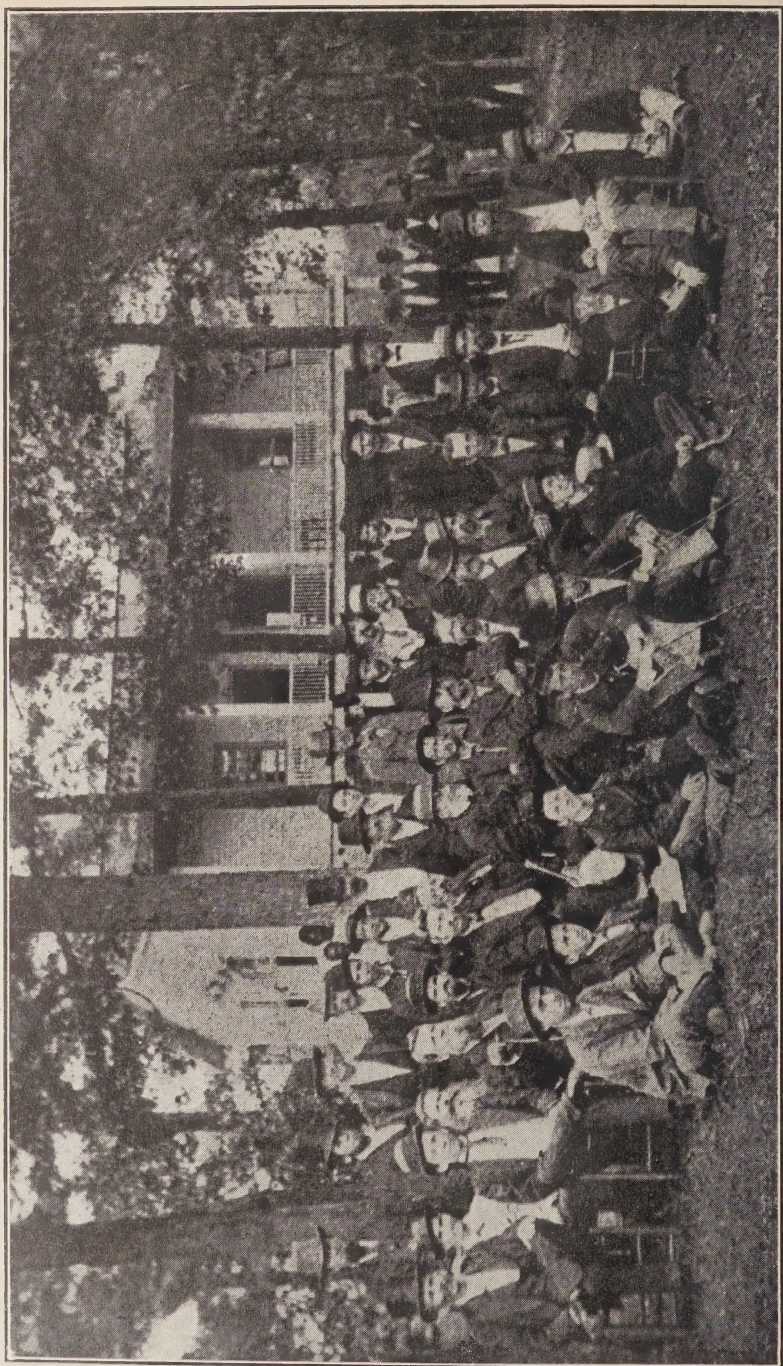
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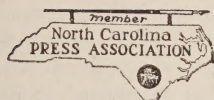


North Carolina Editors At Sparkling Catawba Springs, July, 1878.

HISTORICAL RECORDS

NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION

1873-1887



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"J. B. Sherrill called attention to the fact that there were no minutes of the meetings prior to 1887, possibly due to the fact that there had been no printed proceedings kept. He offered the suggestion that a committee be appointed to examine the files of newspapers of that period and compile as a matter of history and as accurately as possible, a record of the meetings prior to 1885."

The report was adopted and President J. W. Atkins appointed the following as members of the committee: J. B. Sherrill, chairman, Josephus Daniels and Francis D. Winston.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OLD RECORDS AT ANNUAL MEETING, MOREHEAD CITY, 1927.

To the Members of the North Carolina Press Association:

At the annual meeting of the Association held in 1926, it was suggested that, inasmuch as there was no Association record of the proceedings from the organization in 1873 up to and including the year 1887, accounts of the proceedings of these meetings might be secured by examination of the files of the daily papers in the State Library. In accordance with this suggestion, the undersigned committee was appointed to undertake the work, with the view of securing the data and having it preserved in permanent form. Bound volumes of the proceedings of the meetings subsequent to 1887 were already in the hands of the Association's secretary.

The committee, after a thorough examination in the State Library of the files of the various newspapers published during the years mentioned, was able to secure data far beyond its expectations. A complete record was found of the organization meeting in 1873, including the original constitution and by-laws. Records of several other meetings were also found practically complete. Following a thorough search, only scant accounts could be found of the work of the conventions of 1876, 1886 and 1887. All the other are practically complete.

This report, with the typewritten records of the meetings, making 139 pages, is presented to you for your consideration.

Signed: J. B. SHERRILL,
JOSEPHUS DANIELS,
F. D. WINSTON,
Committee.

Meeting of 1873

Held in Goldsboro, May 1873

(From The Goldsboro Messenger, May 15, 1873).

Under the call made for a convention of Editors the following members of the Press met at this place on yesterday: Major J. A. Engelhard, of the Wilmington Journal; John Spelman, Raleigh Sentinel; P. F. Duffy, Greensboro Patriot; John D. Cameron, Hillsboro Recorder; J. A. Bonitz, Messenger and Masonic Monitor; W. T. Hannaford, Magnolia Monitor; J. C. Mann, Wilmington Post; C. N. B. Evans, Milton Chronicle; R. T. Fulgham, Agricultural Journal; Sam'l Carrow, Raleigh Era; Johnstone Jones, Charlotte Observer; Chas. R. Jones, Statesville Intelligencer; W. S. McDiarmid, Lumberton Robesonian; S. D. Pool, Newbern Journal of Commerce; Geo. W. Nason, Jr., Newbern Republic-Courier; C. F. Harris, Concord Sun; H. E. T. Manning, Weldon News; R. M. Furman, Asheville Citizen; Wm. Biggs, Tarboro Southerner; E. A. Wilson, Kinston Gazette; John B. Hussey and W. F. Avery, Hickory Tavern Press; Geo. S. Baker, Louisburg Courier; Jordan Stone, Raleigh News; T. C. Evans, Richmond (Va.) Enquirer; J. Abner Harrell, Henderson Tribune; Jas. A. Williams and R. H. McQuire, Battleboro Advance; and Daniel Bond, Enfield Times. The Wilmington Star and Pee Dee (Wadesboro) Herald were represented by proxy.

The convention met in the Court House, and was called to order at 12 o'clock by Capt. Wm. Biggs. On motion Major Englehard was called to the chair, and Messrs. John Spelman and J. A. Bonitz were appointed Secretaries of the Convention.

Major Englehard on taking the chair addressed the Convention in some very impressive remarks touching the mission of the Press and management of newspapers.

Thanks were voted to E. R. Stanly, Esq., President of the Atlantic Railroad, for his offer of a free excursion to Morehead City, also to Sam'l R. Street, Esq., proprietor of the Ocean House, at Beaufort, for hospitalities offered to members of the Association, during their excursion to Beaufort.

Committees were appointed, one on Organization and one on Business, whereupon the convention took recess till 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. Jones, of Statesville Intelligencer, from committee on Permanent Organization reported the names of

J. A. Englehard, for President.

Jordan Stone, J. C. Mann and P. F. Duffy, Vice-Presidents.

Julius A. Bonitz, Recording Secretary, and William S. Ball of the Greensboro North State, Corresponding Secretary.

The report was adopted and officers took stations. (At the

time of our going to press the convention continues in session).

The members of the press will avail themselves today of the excursion offered them by E. R. Stanly, Esq., over the Atlantic Road to Morehead. They will return on Saturday morning.

(From The Goldsboro Messenger, May 19, 1873).

Pursuant to notice the Convention of the press of the State convened in Goldsboro on Wednesday, May 14th. Capt. Wm. Biggs, of the Tarboro Southerner, called the meeting to order at 12 o'clock M.

On motion of Capt. R. T. Fulghum, Maj. J. A. Engelhard, of the Wilmington Journal, was elected President, and on further motion Messrs. John Spelman, of the Raleigh Sentinel, and J. A. Bonitz, of the Goldsboro Messenger and Masonic Monitor, were elected Secretaries.

On motion of Chas. R. Jones, of the Statesville Intelligencer, the following gentlemen were appointed upon the permanent organization of the Association, viz: Chas. R. Jones, of the Statesville Intelligencer, Geo. W. Nason, of the Newbern Republic-Courner, and H. E. T. Manning, of the Weldon News.

A call for the names of the members of the Press present, and the papers they represented, was made, and the following responded: J. A. Engelhard, Wilmington Journal; John Spelman, Raleigh Sentinel; R. T. Fulghum, Agricultural Journal; J. C. Mann, Wilmington Post; H. E. T. Manning, Weldon News; Geo. W. Nason, Jr., Republican-Courier; E. A. Wilson, Kinston Gazette; William Buggs, Tarboro Southerner; W. T. Hanniford, Magnolia Monitor; J. A. Bonitz, Goldsboro Messenger; R. M. Furman, Asheville Citizen; S. T. Carrow, Raleigh Era; P. F. Duffy, Greensboro Patriot; W. S. McDiarmid, Lumberton Robesonian; C. N. B. Evans, Milton Chronicle; John W. Cameron, Hillsboro Recorder; Charles F. Harris, Concord Sun; John B. Hussey and W. F. Avery, Piedmont Press; Geo. S. Baker, Louisburg Courier; Johnstone Jones, Charlotte Observer; S. D. Pool, Newbern Journal of Commerce; C. R. Jones, Statesville Intelligencer; Jordan Stone and Woodson, Raleigh News; J. A. Harrell, Henderson Tribune; J. A. Williams and H. R. McGuire, Battleboro Advance; W. S. Ball, Greensboro New North State; Daniel Bond, Enfield Times; J. B. Whitaker, Goldsboro News. By proxy: H. A. Foote, Warrenton Gazette; W. H. Bernard, Wilmington Star, and Josh T. James, Wadesboro Pee Dee Herald.

On motion of P. F. Duffy, of the Greensboro Patriot, a committee on resolution was appointed, as follows: P. F. Duffy, H. J. W. Cameron and H. E. T. Manning.

On motion of Capt. Biggs, T. C. Evans, of the Richmond Enquirer, was invited to a seat in the Convention.

Mr. J. D. Cameron, of the Hillsboro Record, was called on for his views in regard to the matters which should occupy the attention of the Convention. He said he was unprepared—had

given the matter little thought—and suggested a conference of members during the recess.

Mr. Bonitz read letters of invitation from Edward R. Stanley, Esq., President of Atlantic Road, inviting the Convention to an excursion to Beaufort; also from Sam'l R. Street, the proprietor of the Ocean House at Beaufort, tendering the hospitalities of his establishment to the excursionists during their stay at that point.

On motion of R. M. Furman, both invitations were accepted, and the thanks of the Convention tendered, in return, to Mr. Stanley and Mr. Street.

A letter from Capt. Sam'l T. Williams, political editor of the Raleigh News, expressing regret at his inability to attend, was read by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. McDiarmid, the Convention took a recess 'till 3 p. m.,

AFTERNOON SESSION

May 14, 1873.

The Convention met at 3 p. m. First in order was the election of permanent officers.

Mr. Jones, of the Statesville Intelligencer, from the committee on permanent organization, made the following report which was concurred in:

President—J. A. Engelhard, Wilmington Journal.

Vice-Presidents—Jordan Stone, Raleigh News, J. C. Mann, Wilmington Post, and P. F. Duffy, Greensboro Patriot.

Recording Secretary—J. A. Bonitz, Goldsboro Messenger.

Corresponding Secretary—Wm. S. Ball, New North State.

Mr. Cameron, of the Hillsboro Recorder, from the committee appointed to prepare business for the action of the Convention, made a report containing sundry suggestions, with a recommendation that they be first considered by the Convention and then embodied in formal resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of the Statesville Intelligencer, the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, P. F. Duffy, of the Greensboro Patriot in the chair, to consider the suggestions of the committee, and the business committee was continued.

The first recommendation of the committee, that the Convention do declare itself a permanent organization was adopted.

Also the second, that a committee of five be appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the government of the organization.

The third recommendation of the committee, declaratory of the sense of the Convention that "patent outsiders," containing advertisements be discontinued, led to considerable discussion, when the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention express its disapprobation of what are known as "patent outsiders or insides," containing advertisements.

The recommendation of the committee, that measures be taken to protect publishers from imposition by advertising agents, was discussed at considerable length.

Mr. Furman said there should be a distinct understanding between publishers that each would stand up squarely to his published rates, whatever they might be. It was not practicable to establish a uniform scale of charges, for papers having a large circulation could demand and would receive higher rates than those of limited circulation. The system of underbidding should cease. Messrs. Nason, Harris, Jones, of the *Intelligencer*, and McDiarmid gave their experience, when, on motion, the Chair appointed the following committee on the question of advertising: J. B. Hussey, C. F. Harris, J. A. Williams and H. E. T. Manning.

The chairman announced the following committee on a constitution and by-laws: Messrs. McDiarmid, Stone, Mann, Furman and Nason.

At 6 p. m. the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock the following morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

May 15, 1873.

On motion of Mr. Stone the reading of proceedings of previous day was dispensed with.

The committee on Constitution and By-laws reported through Major Mann the following, which were adopted as the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association:

WHEREAS, The interests of journalism of North Carolina can best be subserved by mutual understanding and concert of action among the conductors of the newspaper press, we whose names are hereunto annexed have agreed to form an organization, to be known as the North Carolina Press Association, and for the government thereof do hereby establish the following

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Name and Style.

Section 1. The name and style of this Association shall be the North Carolina Press Association.

Sec. 2. The object of this Association shall be to advance the material interests, and elevate the tone and character, of the press of North Carolina.

Article II. Officers and Duty.

Sec. 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and an Executive Committee of five members, whose duties shall be as hereinafter prescribed.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Association and to call special meetings upon the request of the Executive Committee of which he shall be ex-officio chairman.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to preside at the deliberations of the Association in the absence of the President, in the order in which they are elected.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep the funds

of the Association and pay them out upon the order of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be those usually devolving upon such officers.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association, to collect dues or other funds, and to pay the same over to the Treasurer.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee, in addition to those usually devolving upon them, to examine into the character and reliability of all advertising agencies, seeking business with members of this Association and report the results of their investigations by publications. The duties of this committee may be increased at any time by order of the Association.

Article III. Membership.

Sec. 1. Any editor, publisher or proprietor of a newspaper in the State of North Carolina, shall be eligible to membership and may become a member upon a written application to the Recording Secretary, and the payment of the sum of (\$2.00) two dollars for each paper, and the annual payment of dues not to exceed \$5.00 per annum, to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. No member shall be expelled except upon a two-thirds vote of the convention.

Sec. 3. Any member or newspaper violating the rules as laid down by the Association may be expelled from membership, and on such expulsion, shall be stricken from the exchange list of all the papers in good standing in the Association.

Sec. 4. The Executive Committee shall be expressly charged with the duty of investigating all complaints against any paper in the Association, and shall prefer charges at the next regular, or special meeting, of the knowledge of any violation of the rules of the Association.

Sec. 5. All papers in the State, which do become members, must comply with the rules laid down by the Constitution, or they may be stricken from the exchange list.

Sec. 6. Each newspaper becoming a member shall be entitled to but one vote at the meeting of the Association, which may be in person or by proxy.

Article IV. General Provisions.

Sec. 1. The officers of the Association shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are elected or installed.

Sec. 2. The election for officers shall be at the annual meeting, which shall be held on the Second Tuesday of May, in each year, at such place as the Association shall determine, immediately after the election of officers.

Sec. 3. Election of officers shall take place the second day of the annual meeting, and shall be installed after the completion of the business of the session.

Sec. 4. All voting shall be by ballot, except by unanimous consent.

Sec. 5. Any vacancies occurring among the officers, except the President, during the interval between the regular called meetings, shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term.

Sec. 6. Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting for the transaction of business.

Sec. 7. This Constitution may be amended, altered, or abnegated at any meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members

present; Provided, that nature of said amendment, alteration, or abnegation shall have been published thirty days previous to the meeting, at which the motion is made.

BY-LAWS

1. The ordinary Parliamentary Rules shall govern the deliberations of the Association.

2. The call for a special meeting shall be published at least 20 days before said meeting.

3. By-laws may be added from time to time, as the Association may deem best.

4. Any or all By-laws may be suspended at any meeting, two thirds of members present concurring therein.

The President, Major Engelhard, read the following dispatch:

Americus, Ga., May 15, 1873.

President of the Press Association of North Carolina,
Goldsboro, N. C.

The Georgia Press Association now in session in this city sends greeting to the fraternity of the "Old North State," and requests telegram of any important actions by their convention.

J. H. ESTILL,

President Ga. Press Association.

On motion, the President and Secretary were requested to acknowledge the receipt of the telegram, which was done in the following dispatch:

Goldsboro, N. C., May 15, 1873.

President Ga. Press Association,
Americus, Ga.

The North Carolina Press Association acknowledge the kindly greeting of the Georgia Press Association. We have organized under the most favorable auspices and hope to make ours no unworthy colaborer of the Georgia Press Association.

J. A. ENGELHARD, President.

J. A. Bonitz, Secretary.

The committee on advertising submitted the following report through its chairman, Wm. Biggs:

To the Members of the Press Convention:

Gentlemen: Your committee to whom was referred certain questions affecting the interests of the fraternity at large, beg leave to submit the following suggestions:

1st. That in our opinion, it would be greatly conducive to the best interest of every member for the publishers of all papers to adhere strictly to published rates, and this Convention will discontinue any editor who may deviate from the same.

2nd. Whereas it is the custom amongst many publishers in the State of receiving advertisements from advertising agencies at such prices as are inimical to the general interests of the press; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention disapprove of any discrimination in favor of any advertising agency, North or South, and that the press feel themselves in honor and in duty bound to charge published rates to any agency, and will not deviate from such rates; to take effect on expiration of present running contract. And that all "special rates" of a lower grade be discontinued.

Wm. BIGGS.

JNO. B. HUSSEY.

CHAS. F. HARRISS.

On motion the report was received, considered by sections and adopted. Mr. Nason offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That every newspaper published in North Carolina, be requested to deposit with this Association the name of their publication, with the name of the editor and publisher of the same; also, the length and width of columns, together with their rates of subscriptions and advertising.

The committee on business and resolutions submitted the following report, which was considered and discussed by sections:

Whereas, It appears that several papers in the State have adopted the practice of having the outsides or insides of their papers containing advertisements printed elsewhere, which practice is detrimental to the dignity and good character of the profession.

Therefore, this Convention of the Press of North Carolina do resolve that it deprecates and disapproves of such practice as aforesaid, and do recommend and urge that it be abandoned at an early day as practicable. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Custom of gratuitous advertising in the shape of local notices, is detrimental to the interests of the profession and degrading to its character, and that this Convention do denounce and discountenance the same.

This resolution was debated at length and on motion laid on the table.

Whereas, The prevalence of the credit system of subscriptions has been found to work serious loss to publishers who have adopted it, and whereas experience proves that the cash system is the only safe one, therefore be it resolved, that the cash system be adapted as far as possible, and adhered to as closely as possible. Adopted.

Resolved, That when there are two or more printing offices in the same town or county, that they be requested to adopt a uniform rate of charges for job work, and that any departure therefrom by underbidding shall be deemed unprofessional. Tabled.

The committee further submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, It is of the highest importance to the interests of North Carolina that a healthy immigration be induced into her borders, and to that end feel that full, accurate and reliable information should be given of her soil, climate, mineral and other qualities and resources,

Be it resolved by this Convention, that the press of the State be requested to unite in so desirable an object, and to gather and lay before the public all the information within reach of each newspaper published in the State.

Resolved, That the Legislature of North Carolina be requested to co-operate in the measure, and that it provide adequate material aid for the dissemination of such information abroad; and among the most effective means for the accomplishment of this purpose, it is respectfully urged that a varied collection of the mineral resources of the State, varieties of wood, and agricultural products be made and sent for exhibition at the Centennial Exposition to be held in Philadelphia, on the 4th day of July, 1876.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the above three resolutions to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of North Carolina, at the

next meeting of the General Assembly, with the request that they be laid before the two Houses respectively.

A letter from Thos. B. Long, Esq., was received, read and placed on file.

Mr. Cameron offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the interest manifested by Col. Thos. B. Long, in his letter addressed to this Convention, and his tender of cooperation in enlarging the fields of usefulness, and that we hereby thank him for the same.

Major Mann offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That no member of this Association shall receive what is known as "Legal Advertisements" published under the law of this State, except upon prepayment.

Mr. Harrell submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention deprecate the action of Congress of the United States, charging postage upon exchanges, and that we as members of this Convention request members of Congress from this State to take all honorable means to have the said law repealed.

Major Englehard submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a bill requiring all legal advertisements to be published in the newspapers, and that the committee be requested to present the bill in person to the member of the Legislature and urge its adoption, after the bill shall have been approved by the Executive Committee of this Association.

The following by Mr. Cameron was adopted:

Resolved, by the Press Convention of North Carolina, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Dr. Wright, the proprietor of the Humphrey House, Goldsboro, for the very generous and liberal hospitality extended to the members of the Convention.

The President of the Convention received the following dispatch which was read:

Raleigh, N. C., May 15, 1873.

Major Joseph A. Englehard,
Pres. State Press Convention,
Goldsboro, N. C.

Col. Holt, President of the N. C. Agricultural Society, extends to you and through you to the State Press a cordial invitation to visit the Grand Exposition of the Society to commence in this city, October 13th, 1873, and continue six days.

R. G. FULGHUM, Secretary.

On motion the invitation was accepted and thanks tendered to Col. Holt.

Mr. Furman offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, 1st, That we approve of the resolution offered by Thos. D. Johnston, Esq., of Buncombe, to, and adopted by, our recent Legislature relative to the centennial celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence at Charlotte.

Resolved, 2nd, That it gives us pleasure to note the recent action of the city authorities of Charlotte, looking to suitable preparations for the same; and that we recommend the State to make such appropriation as the legislature may deem necessary,

to carry out the object of the resolution in a manner becoming a people who should be, and are, proud of the glorious inheritance which the valor and patriotism of the good men who made that declaration has bequeathed to them.

Resolved, 3rd, That the press of the State will give this their hearty support.

Col. Walter L. Steele, of Rockingham, being present, was invited to a seat in the convention.

Major Mann submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare a circular of the proceedings of the Convention, with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, and forward it to every person in the State, with a request that they unite with the Association and signify their acceptance thereof.

(Mr. Duffy moved that the vote by which the resolution or recommendation of committee regarding job printing was tabled, be reconsidered. Lost.

On motion the Convention proceeded to elect officers under the constitution. The ballot resulted in the election of the following gentlemen:

President: J. A. Englehard, of the Wilmington Journal.

Vice-Presidents: C. N. B. Evans, of the Milton Chronicle; P. Duffy, of the Greensboro Patriot; J. C. Mann, of the Wilmington Post.

Treasurer: John Spelman, of the Raleigh Sentinel.

Recording Secretary: R. T. Fulghum, of the State Agricultural Journal.

Corresponding Secretary: J. D. Cameron, of the Hillsboro Recorder.

Executive Committee: Jordan Stone, of the Raleigh News; H. E. T. Manning, of the Weldon News; G. W. Nason, Jr., of the Newbern Republic-Courier; R. M. Furman, of the Asheville Citizen; and J. B. Hussey, of the Hickory Press.

On motion of Capt. Biggs, Raleigh was appointed as the place for holding the next annual convention.

The chairman announced the following standing committees:

On Legal Advertising: J. D. Cameron, P. F. Duffy, and J. C. Mann.

On State Agricultural Interests and Immigration: Sam't T. Williams, Sam. T. Carrow, and W. J. Yates.

Capt. Biggs offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered its officers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

The following by Mr. Hussey was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Mr. Bonitz, of the Messenger, for courtesies and hospitalities extended to this body.

On motion the Convention adjourned subject to a call by the President.

J. A. BONITZ, Sec'y.

J. E. ENGLEHARD, Pres.

Meeting of 1874

Held in Raleigh, May 1874.

(From The Raleigh Sentinel, May 12, 1874)

The following editors of the press have arrived in attendance at their Convention and are quartered at the different hotels: Geo. S. Baker, of the Louisburg Courier; S. J. Skinner, Henderson Register; Dr. H. E. Manning, Roanoke News; Messrs. Davis and Roberson, Oxford Torch-Light; G. W. Nason, Jr., Newbern Republic-Courier; T. D. Pool, Newbern, Our Living and Dead; Col. W. S. G. Andrews, Wilmington Journal; Maj. J. A. Engelhard, Wilmington Journal; Leonidas L. Polk, Ansonian Polkton; E. R. Stamps, Tarboro Southerner Enquirer; J. A. Williams, Wilson Advance; D. Bond, Enfield Times; S. M. Carpenter, Newbernian; J. S. Mannix, Newbern Times; W. J. Woodward, New York South; J. O. Robertson, Murphy Herald; J. D. Cameron, Hillsboro Recorder; A. K. Murchison, Statesville Intelligencer; Charles R. Jones, Charlotte Observer; Will P. Drake, Statesville American; J. J. Stewart, Salisbury Watchman; P. Boaldin, Danville, Va., Times.

THE PRESS CONVENTION.

May 13, 1874.

The convention assembled in the Senate Chamber at half past ten o'clock a.m. and was called to order by President Engelhard. Prayer by the Rev. Thos. Pritchard, D. D. The roll was then called, and a good portion of the State Press answered to their names, some forty-five papers being represented. Maj. Engelhard, the President, delivered an appropriate address, reviewing ably the history of the press of the State, and in his remarks feelingly referred to the death of W. S. McDiarmid since the last Convention. On motion of J. D. Cameron, Mr. P. Bouldin of the Danville, Va., Times was invited to a seat upon the floor.

The Secretary read a list of new members of the Press who were now admitted into the Convention.

Upon motion of Mr. Stone, Mr. W. J. Woodward, of the New York South, was invited to a seat in the convention. On motion of Mr. J. D. Cameron, a committee of five upon a plan of business, was appointed to report to the Convention at 8 p. m.

Mr. Fulghum, the Secretary, read the programme for the meeting and entertainment of the Convention.

At the expiration of the recess, the Convention again assembled. Mr. Cameron made a partial report from the Committee on Business, embracing a resolution that this Convention procure the passage of an act requiring the publication of all legal advertisements in the newspapers of the State, and that a committee

of five be appointed by the President to renew the effort made by the Committee on this subject, and prepare a new bill if necessary, and to present the bill in person by some member or members of the Committee, and its passage urged upon the members of the Legislature after the bill had been approved by the Executive Committee of the Association. Also a second resolution that the custom of gratuitous advertising in the shape of local notices is detrimental to the interests of the profession, and injurious to its character, and that this Convention deprecate and discontinue the same. This latter resolution provoked some little discussion which was participated in by Messrs. Whitaker, Woodson, Jones, Manning, Polk, Fulghum and Skinner, when on motion the further consideration was postponed until the Evening Session, being referred to a special committee of five with instructions then to report.

Mr. Jones, a resolution that this Convention take some definite action in regard to the rates of advertising. Referred to the foregoing Committee:

Mr. Whitaker, a resolution to appoint a Committee of three to take into consideration the expediency of appointing a Supervising Agent whose duty it shall be to ascertain the standing and solvency of the various advertising agencies of the country, and keep the Press of N. C. advised thereof, to the end, that imposition and swindling may be put to an end, which was referred to the business Committee. Mr. Robertson conveyed the greetings of the Asheville Editors who were not able to be present with us, and who he assured the Convention would join in and sanction the deliberation of the body.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Convention agreed to formally visit the Governor in his official capacity at 12 M. tomorrow at the Executive office. The Convention then adjourned until 8 p. m.

Col. Polk, of the Ansonian, offered a resolution of thanks for the kind and courteous programme provided by the city press just read which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Cameron made a statement from the committee on Legal Advertising, in which further action was recommended on this subject.

An invitation was read from Edwards, Broughton & Co. to the Convention, to visit their establishment, and a motion was adopted to do so tomorrow a half past eleven, and also to visit Williamson, Upchurch & Thomas at the same time.

The Convention here took a recess for an half hour with a request of the business committee that they report if practicable at that time.

THE EVENING SESSION

May 13, 1874

President Engelhard called the Convention to order at 3 p. m.

Mr. Cannon, chairman of the Committee on Business, submitted a report as follows:

Whereas, The members of the Press of N. C. in many instances have been defrauded by travelling agencies and other parties,

Resolved, 1st, That as a security against fraud, false dealing and impostors, that each editor upon becoming the subject of imposition, shall notify the Secretary of the Press Association, giving him all the details of facts, and names of offending parties, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to inform all the editors of this State, and members of the Association of such fact by letter, or otherwise.

Resolved, 2nd, That each editor who shall be the victim of any such fraud, false dealing or imposition, is requested to communicate forthwith to the Secretary all the facts and information bearing upon the case. Adopted.

A discussion ensued on the question of appointing a supervising agent who shall keep the press informed as to the standing of advertising agents who was to be informed by any paper which had been defrauded by bogus advertisers.

Mr. Foote thought that each editor could protect his own interest, and there was no necessity for that office. If advertisements from doubtful sources, strangers, are received without the cash, let us not insert them. Mr. Robertson of the Cherokee Herald coincided with Mr. Foote.

Mr. Polk thought the resolution would accomplish the object without the supervision, by having it understood where a member of the Press is defrauded, that he communicate to the secretary the first, and that office shall immediately on receipt of such information send to all the press of the State. Mr. Manning said unfortunately when one of these frauds advertised they forwarded the same advertisement to all our state papers, at the same time. The first suggestion of the committee incorporated into a resolution, was adopted. The question of advertising rates now coming up.

Mr. Jones, of the Observer, wanted some expression of the convention showing that we would stick to our published rates. He deprecated this underbidding by some papers to the great detriment of those who stood firm to their rates. He had lost hundreds of dollars by this system upon the part of some, and if this cut throat game was to go ahead, he wanted to know how he should be governed. He had remained firm thus far, but he could not stand it any longer if such was persisted in. Mr. Skinner did not know in the little towns, that we could always adhere to the regular rates, for many of our people advertise in our weeklies from which they realize but little, and it is done by them to sustain their paper in order to get the weekly current news. We cannot charge them as much as we do other advertisers, and he thought it rather unfair to hold them up to the regular rates when such advertisers do it almost solely to sustain us.

Mr. Stamps thought the intent of the resolution was misunderstood, that it applied to agencies and others outside of the

State. Mr. Polk was tired of being dictated by agencies. He was situated different from Mr. Skinner, his people advertised in the Ansonian for their benefit, and not so much to aid him, but he was disposed to always favor his own people. If we favor anybody, let us favor North Carolinians. The resolution should pass as a protection to the press of North Carolina. Let us stand square up to it. It is a measure for our protection; we will get just as many advertisements as we now get and more dollars, too. Mr. Mannix said this was a vexed question, and reading from the proceedings of the last Convention in which the language was emphatic enough, if carried out, he did not see how we could take any action to make a resolution more binding, still he was pleased with the discussion that had arisen upon this subject.

Messrs. Manning and Bond thought this binding was impracticable. A vote being taken upon the resolution, it was laid upon the table. But notice was given by several members that they would again move to take the subject from the tables.

A resolution was adopted deprecating gratuitous advertising by a system of puffing, etc.

Mr. Nason, a motion which was adopted, appointing Messrs. Pritchard, Polk and John T. Mannix a committee to draft suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of a former member of our association, the late Whitfield S. McDiarmid of the Lumberton Robesonian.

A telegram was read by Mr. Jones, from Thos. B. Long, in regard to a report promised by him in regard to mail facilities in the State stating that by unavoidable absence from his office for the last ten days he was unable to do so, but would furnish it to the Press for publication.

A letter was read from Col. Thos. M. Holt, President, inviting the members of the State Press to the next Agricultural Fair.

The President announced the committee on legal advertisements to prepare a bill and it presented to the next General Assembly, as follows, viz: J. D. Cameron, Recorder; P. F. Duffy, Patriot; W. J. Drake, American; D. Bond, Enfield Times, with the request that the Raleigh Editors cooperate with this committee.

The Convention then at half past ten p. m. adjourned until 10 a. m. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13.

The Convention was called to order by President Engelhard, at 10:15 a. m. A letter was read from J. W. Watson, photographer, inviting the body to visit his gallery in order to afford him an opportunity of taking a photograph of the Press in group.

On motion Col. J. M. Holt was invited to a seat in the body, which was accepted. An invitation from Prof. Kerr to visit the Geological Museum was also accepted.

On motion of Mr. Stone, the Convention now went into an

election of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Skinner moved that Maj. J. A. Engelhard be re-elected President of the Association, which was carried by acclamation. Major Engelhard returned thanks for the honor conferred briefly. The following Vice-Presidents were elected in the same manner: Messrs. C. N. B. Evans, of the Milton Chronicle; P. F. Duffy, of the Greensboro Patriot, and Geo. W. Nason, Jr., of the Newbern-Republic-Courier. Major Engelhard moved that Capt. R. T. Fulghum be elected as Treasurer, which was unanimously adopted, and the same gentleman was also elected Recording Secretary.

John D. Cameron was re-elected Corresponding Secretary. The Executive Committee of Messrs. Jordan Stone, R. F. Furman, H. E. T. Manning, J. B. Hussey, were re-elected with the addition of Mr. Mannix of the Newbern Times.

Major Engelhard proposed Wilmington as the place for the next annual convention, and assured the convention that Wilmington would do all possible to give them a hospitable welcome. The business men of his city desired to see the members of the State press and to let them see what they were doing.

Mr. Jones proposed Charlotte as the place. Mr. Duffy said at the request of the citizens of Greensboro, he had come here as much for anything else to urge the claims of Greensboro. It was a central point. Dr. Pritchard stood up for Raleigh as a compromise. Mr. Green suggested Durham, Mr. Knight wanted Wadesboro, Mr. Robertson urged Asheville, The press could be waked up for about that time. Bald Mountain would be in all its glory.

Mr. McDiarmid wanted Lumberton, Mr. Manning, Weldon, Mr. Stewart, Salisbury, etc. A ballot was ordered, and resulted in the selection of Wilmington when the vote was made unanimous. Rev. Dr. Pritchard, Chairman of the Committee to draft resolutions in respect to the memory of the late Whitfield S. McDiarmid, reported a series of resolutions which will appear hereafter,

Mr. W. D. Chesterman of the Richmond Whig, was invited to a seat in the Convention, upon motion of Mr. Jones.

The convention then took a recess to visit different places from which they had received invitations, including the Geological Museum, Edwards, Broughton & Co., and the Executive office. The Convention during its recess visited Messrs. Upchurch, Williamson & Co., after which they ascended to the Printing office of Messrs. Edwards, Broughton & Co., in the same building where after inspecting the mammoth business of this firm, were escorted to the front part of the room whereupon a warm and cordial welcome and greeting from Mr. Broughton, was in turn tendered the thanks of the editors in a neat and appropriate little speech by Mr. P. F. Duffy of the Patriot. Dr. Pritchard followed in a few happy remarks, as did also Maj. Engelhard and Mr. Mannix. After partaking of elegant refreshments of cakes, ice cream and delicious strawberries, in a body the corps proceeded

to the front entrance of the Capitol Park, where J. W. Watson photographed the party, after which entering the Capitol they paid their respects to His Excellency Governor Caldwell, where they were cordially received by the hand of the Governor, and after a few moments conversation His Excellency unearthed his best North Carolina drinkables and toasted the Press, "May they ever defend the right and always condemn the wrong." Mr. Skinner was called upon to respond and did so briefly but very handsomely in the finest of good humor. With a parting smile they bid adieu to the Governor, and repaired to the Senate Chamber where the President again called the Convention to order.

THE PRESS CONVENTION

May 14, 1874.

On motion of Mr. Denson a resolution was adopted instructed the Secretary of the Convention to transmit a telegram to the National Agricultural Association in session at Atlanta, Ga., tending their congratulations to that body. etc.

Mr. Cameron reported from the committee on Education which was adopted. Mr. Jones from the committee on Agriculture, Immigration, etc., reported, for both of which we regret we have not the space to publish today.

Mr. Hampton, a resolution in regard to the courtesies that should exist between editors avoiding personalities, etc. Adopted.

Mr. Jones, a resolution that the convention for the present take no action in regard to advertising rates between its members.

Maj. Englehard objected to the spirit of the resolution when we had already a decided opinion upon this subject. It had appeared from the discussion which had been brought out that all the members of the press would adhere as closely in their published rates as far as possible, and did not coincide with the spirit of the resolution, etc.

Mr. Jones defended his resolution, he wanted to know what he should be governed by, and strongly condemned as he did last evening the underbidding in advertising.

Mr. Bond thought that the resolution previously enacted by the convention last year was sufficient and further action was unnecessary.

Mr. Evans favored the publication of all those who would take advertisements at a mean low rate, as had been referred to here by certain parties, in the State. Let them be branded. Don't countenance them, etc., etc.

Mr. Fulghum, a resolution as a substitute requiring publishers to print their rates and adhere to them.

Mr. Bond moved to lay on the table. Not adopted. Maj. Engelhard moved as a substitute for the whole matter, the original resolution as adopted by the first session of the convention, which in substance condemns and discountenances a departure from its published advertising rates, which he strongly defended.

Mr. Jones was for pressing his own resolution and the resolu-

tion they now had was mere chaff. The previous question was demanded and Maj. Engelhard's motion prevailed.

Mr. Skinner from the committee to return thanks for the hospitalities extended them while in the city reported in extense, which report was unanimously adopted, the resolution was handsomely couched in complimentary words their treatment of, that they would ever cherish the kindness and hospitality of the citizens generally and that their convention of 4 should never be forgotten, etc., etc.

A letter was read from Mr. Watson, the photographer, inviting the members to leave their names for copies of the group taken today, which will be forwarded to them as a remembrance of their visit to Raleigh. After some further minor business the convention adjourned.

Meeting of 1875

Held in Wilmington, May 1875

From The Wilmington Journal, May 12, 1875).

The North Carolina Press Association convened on yesterday morning, in its annual session, in the United States District Court Room, Major Joseph A. Engelhard, of the Wilmington Journal, President in the Chair.

The President called the Association to order, and welcomed the members thereof to the city of Wilmington in cordial terms. Having just returned from an extended journey, southwardly, he had been unable to make the preparations for the reception of the Association which he could have desired, and which might be expected of him as its presiding officer.

The press of North Carolina had a great and onerous duty to perform. The State was replete with immense resources, agricultural, commercial and mechanical, and contained a population which was equal to that of any State.

It devolved upon the press to foster and develop these resources and to bring this population together in concert of action for their own advancement, and to assist the progress of the State in its onward march to prosperity and wealth.

Another important duty the press had to perform was to build up and encourage a greater State pride. The North Carolina press had sustained her own sons, but had likewise been lavish in its praises of prominent men of other State and contributed greatly to their reputation, whilst the press of other States had almost entirely ignored the public men of North Carolina. This should not be. To build up a State character the State press should sustain the reputations of her public men.

The crowded condition of our columns prevent us from noticing, to any great length, Maj. Engelhard's address.

The roll of members was then called by the Recording Secretary, F. T. Fulghum, when the following members answered to their names: Asheville Expositor, W. H. Malone; Charlotte Observer, C. R. Jones; Concord Sun, C. F. Harris; Goldsboro Messenger, R. T. Fulghum; Hickory Piedmont Press, J. F. Murrill; Kinston Gazette, E. A. Wilson; Raleigh Southern Illustrated Age, R. T. Fulchum; Rockingham Courier, G. S. Baker; Lumberton Robesonian, W. W. McDiarmid; Mt. Airy Watchman, L. W. Springs; Newbern Journal of Commerce, S. D. Pool, Jr.; Newbern Courier and Times, J. S. Mannix; Oxford Leader, Blow and Britt; Oxford Torch-Light, W. A. Davis; Polkton Ansonian, C. D. Gale; Hillsboro Recorder, R. T. Fulchum; Raleigh State Agricultural Journal, C. F. Harris; Salisbury Watchman, J. J. Stewart; Tarboro Southerner, W. P. Williamson; Wadesboro Argus, N. Knight and Dr.

Harllee; Wadesboro Pee Dee Herald, John T. Patrick; Washington Echo, W. P. Williamson; Weldon Roanoke News, Dr. H. E. T. Manning; Wilmington Daily Journal, J. A. Engelhard; Wilmington Daily Star, W. H. Bernard and C. W. Harris; Wilmington Post, J. J. Cassidey; Jno. Duckett of the Pee Dee Courier and L. W. Springs of the Mt. Airy Watchman, made application for membership, and were made members.

Twenty-seven members answering to their names, the Association was declared ready for business.

Col. Jones, of the Charlotte Observer, moved that a committee of five be appointed to prepare business for the meeting. Carried.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen to compose that committee: Col. Jones of Charlotte Observer; Messrs. Mannix, Newbern Times, Malone Asheville Expositor, Williamson, Tarboro Enquirer, Stuart, Salisbury Watchman.

The Secretary and Treasurer then made his annual report.

Mr. Britt of the Leader, moved that the report of the Secretary and Treasurer be referred to the Executive Committee. Carried.

The Secretary read a communication from the local editor of the Oxford Torch-Light.

The President read a communication from the Mayor of the City of Wilmington welcoming the Press Association to the city, and enclosing a series of resolutions of the Board of Aldermen tendering the Association the use of the City Hall and the hospitalities of the corporation.

Mr. Pool moved that the Association tender their thanks for the same. Carried.

A communication was read by the President from Thos. B. Long, Special Agent Postoffice Department, relative to postal routes.

The President stated that he had received information from James Berron Hope, of the Norfolk Landmark, that he could not be here until Thursday.

Mr. McDiarmid, of the Robesonian, moved that a Committee of three be appointed to make arrangements for Mr. Hope's address, as to time and place. The following compose the committee: Messrs. Harris, of the Star, Cassidey, of the Post, and James, of the Journal.

Mr. Murrill moved that ex-Governor Vance be requested to take a seat on the floor of the Association. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Bernard, of the Wilmington Star, a recess of fifteen minutes was taken for the accommodation of the committee on business and to allow the members to settle their dues.

The Association being called to order, the Committee on Business, through Col. Jones, of the Charlotte Observer, made the following report:

1. Your committee respectfully suggests that resolution of censure be passed by this body in regard to the ignoring of the press of the State of North Carolina by the Legislature, on the

question of legal advertising.

2. That a further resolution of censure to the same body be passed, in view of the fact that that body paid the New York Journal of Commerce and the London Times hundreds of dollars for advertising, utterly ignoring the press of the State of North Carolina, which we think would be far more to the advantage of the people to have been advertised in the State papers.

3. That the Chairman of this Association appoint a Committee to again urge upon the Legislature the propriety and importance of passing a bill requiring the publication of all legal advertisements in the papers in the State.

4. Resolved, That the Executive Committee be required to meet not less than twice a year at the call of their Chairman, to adjudicate differences, if any exist, between editors who are members of this body, and consult generally upon the interests of the Association.

5. Resolved, That we would again recommend to the Association the importance of adhering to publication rates for advertising.

6. Resolved, That this Association deprecates the policy of personal quarrels between members of this Association.

Mr. Britt, of the Leader, moved the reception of the report, and that the resolutions be taken up seriatim for consideration. Carried.

Mr. Harris moved the consideration of the first resolution. Mr. Britt moved its adoption. Mr. Bernard opposed its adoption in a speech of some length. Mr. Williamson, of the Tarboro Southerner, advocated it. Mr. Murrill, of the Press, opposed it.

Capt. Fulghum moved that this resolution be postponed until the arrival of Mr. Cameron, Chairman of the Committee on Legal Advertising. Col. Jones was not opposed to this action. Mr. Williamson was in favor of censuring the Legislature, although it was Democratic.

Mr. Harris, of the Wilmington Star, moved that Hon. A. M. Waddell and Mr. Henry Nutt be invited to take seats on the floor of the Association.

Mr. S. D. Pool, Jr., thought the Press of North Carolina should take a position independent of State patronage. The further consideration of this resolution was postponed.

The second resolution was then read by the Secretary. Mr. Pool moved that the resolution be laid upon the table, but withdrew his motion to allow debate. Mr. Williamson, of the Tarboro Southerner, advocated the resolution. Mr. Bernard opposed it on the same ground that he opposed the first, to-wit: that it was unbecoming in this Association to give an expression of its opinion.

Mr. Pool then renewed his motion to lay on the table, and called for the yeas and nays.

The following was the result of the vote: Those voting in the affirmative were the Press, Gazette, Robesonian, Journal of Commerce, Star, and Pee Dee Courier. Those voting in the negative were Expositor, Observer, Messenger, Courier, Watchman, Times and Courier, Leader, Torchlight, Ansonian, Recorder, Salisbury, Watchman, Southerner, Argus, Herald, and Echo.

Mr. Williamson now moved that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Bernard moved that Mr. W. A. Wright be invited to participate in the deliberations of the Association. Mr. W. before taking his seat stated that he had been at the earlier period of life for six months been connected with a weekly newspaper in Wilmington.

After some parliamentary skirmishing for the defeat of the resolution, it was upon motion and a call of the previous question, adopted. Mr. Britt, of the Leader, moved to reconsider the motion by which the first resolution was laid on the table. Mr. Pool moved that this motion be laid upon the table. Carried.

The Secretary then read the third resolution.

Mr. Pool would have voted for this, if the former resolution had been defeated. Col. Jones advocated its passage. Mr. Merrill thought that although the newspapers had made the Legislature what it was, yet he must confess that they had not made it what it ought to be, and would oppose the resolution.

Mr. Malone offered a substitute that a committee of five be appointed to memorialize the Legislature, and urge the passage of the bill heretofore offered by the Association in regard to legal advertising.

Mr. Bernard offered the following amendment to the substitute, which was accepted by Mr. Malone:

Resolved, That the interests of the people of the State demand that instead of the present inefficient mode of advertising, all legal notices of every kind whatever should be published in the newspapers issued in the particular counties to which such notices refer, or in the absence of any newspaper issued in such county, that such notice be published in such newspapers as have the largest circulation in such county.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the North Carolina Press Association to carry out the object of the foregoing resolution.

The amendment having been carried, the resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

The fourth resolution having been read by the Secretary was adopted.

The fifth resolution, relative to advertising rates, was discussed by Col. Jones, Mr. Pool, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Bernard.

Pending the consideration of this resolution, the Association adjourned to meet again at 3:00 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association at that hour having reassembled, the resolution under consideration at the hour of adjournment being read, was considered and tabled.

The sixth resolution was read and adopted.

Mr. Pool moved that the resolution adopted by the Association at Goldsboro two years ago, relative to advertising rates, be expunged. This motion was temporarily withdrawn, when Col.

Jones moved that the Wilmington Journal and Star be requested to publish the proceedings of this Association fully as practicable, so that the action of the Association censuring the Legislature should be made known throughout the State. Carried.

Mr. Bernard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that no mandatory rule or regulation shall be considered or adopted by this Association which shall interfere in any way with the rights of its members to conduct their business in the way they may deem best; and that any action heretofore taken in conflict with this resolution be hereby rescinded.

Mr. Williamson offered a series of resolutions looking to the erection of a monument on the Capitol Square, at Raleigh, to the memory of Gen. W. D. Pender, and moved that they be made the special order for Thursday, which motion was carried.

The Secretary was requested to furnish the Association with any information relative to newspapers advertising through Northern agencies, in violation of a by-law of the Association.

The Secretary read a correspondence between the advertising agency of Rowell & Company, and Mr. Jordan Stone, of the Raleigh News; also between the same agency and Col. Jones, of the Charlotte Observer.

Dr. Manning, of the Weldon News, offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, By the comparative absence of anything like an organized system of direct trade, our State is debarred of many of the advantages owned by many of the States less favored by nature, and

Whereas, The fostering of this interest is of vital importance to our State, and it is eminently fitting and proper that the press of the State should aid and encourage any and everything looking to the establishment of direct trade between our State and foreign countries, and

Whereas, The harbors of Wilmington and Beaufort offer advantages secured to but few ports on the Atlantic coast,

Therefore be it resolved, That the Members of this Association agitate this subject and keep it prominently before the public, and by every practicable means seek to arouse interest in it and secure, if possible, State and National aid to this end.

Mr. Pool moved to add Newbern, which was accepted by Dr. Manning. After debate, participated in by Mr. Pool, Col. Jones, Dr. Manning and others, the resolution was adopted.

The Chair, Mr. Murrill in the chair, recalled the attention of the Association to the Rowell correspondence. The Secretary read the various resolutions heretofore adopted by the Association relative to advertising agencies. It was then considered that the whole ground was covered by the resolution previously offered by Mr. Bernard and adopted.

The selection of a place for holding the next, Fourth, Annual meeting, was next taken up. Charlotte, Lumberton, Newbern, Mt. Airy, Oxford, Weldon, Concord, Salisbury and Wadesboro were placed in nomination. Newbern receiving 15 of the 26

votes cast, was declared to be the choice of the Association. The selection was then, upon motion, made unanimous.

Col. Jones moved that the resolution heretofore adopted by the Association condemning what is known as patent outsiders be rescinded. This motion was discussed by Col. Jones, Capt. C. F. Harris, of the Concord Sun, and Maj. Engelhard, and was then adopted.

Col. Jones suggested that since Col. Fremont was present, he be requested to give the Association some information as to how he expected the C. C. Ry. should be carried over the mountains Westward. Col. Fremont stated that the Western N. C. R. R. would be let to contract from its present terminus to the Tennessee line via Asheville as soon as the sale shall have been confirmed. If this should not be done, the C. C. R. W. was in contemplation of being built from Shelby to Johnson turnout, on the Tennessee route. He thought that with convict labor, already arranged for, the W. N. C. R. R. would no doubt be completed, all opposition to the sale of it having been withdrawn, and the State being prepared to bid upon it, there was nothing to prevent its completion. Col. Fremont's statement was full and satisfactory to the Association, but cannot be reproduced for want of space.

Dr. Harlee moved that a vote of thanks be tendered Colonel Fremont for his clear and satisfactory statement. Carried.

Col. Jones moved that the proceedings of the Association be printed earlier than heretofore, if possible. Carried.

The President called upon the Secretary to read certain communications. The secretary then read a communication from F. W. Kerchner, Charles D. Myers and S. W. Vick, Committee on the part of the citizens of Wilmington, tendering the Association an excursion on the steamer Raleigh, down the river to the forts, on tomorrow (today).

Invitation from C. D. Myers, W. H. Green, A. T. London, Graham Daves, et al, Committee to attend a complimentary ball tendered the Association on Thursday evening in the Opera House, also received.

Also a communication from N. Jacobi, M. Bear and A. Weill, Committee of Free Brothers Society, tendering tickets to the Association to hear the lecture of ex-Governor Vance, in the Opera House, at 8 o'clock this (last) evening.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Thursday morning, 9 o'clock.

THE PRESS EXCURSION.

(From the Wilmington Journal, May 13, 1875).

Through the hospitality of the Chamber of Commerce, Produce Exchange and citizens of Wilmington, the members of the North Carolina Press Association, now in annual session in this city, were afforded on yesterday a most pleasant and handsome excursion to the Rip, Bar and vicinity, on board the good steamship Raleigh, Capt. Oliver, of the Baltimore and Southern Steam-

ship Company, which had previously been most generously tendered by the Company to the Chamber for the occasion. No better provision for such an excursion could have been made than was afforded by the Raleigh under the command of her gentlemanly and efficient captain; a ship, by the way, built under his immediate supervision, for the Baltimore and Wilmington trade, and named after the capital of the Old North State.

At 9 o'clock, in front of the Purcell House, the members of the Press Association assembled, placed themselves under the escort of a committee appointed as their special attendants, and the whole body accompanied by a number of other invited guests and citizens, preceeded by the Cornet Concert Club, marched up Front street to Chestnut, and down Chestnut to the wharf where the Raleigh was lying ready for their reception. Once on board the ship they were received by Messrs. F. W. Kerchner and S. W. Vick, who as a committee from the Chamber, had in their charge the temporary control of the Raleigh, and the dispensing of her hospitalities. Besides the members of the Press Association, there were distinguished guests from different sections of the State, among whom we noticed Col. Little, of Raleigh, Capt. J. N. Moffitt, Col. Fremont, Wm. A. Wright, Esq., Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Mr. H. Nutt, Hon. A. M. Waddell, Mr. A. H. Van Bokkelen, and ex-Governor Zeb. B. Vance.

All being aboard and everything ready, her lines were cast off, her gong sounded, and the Raleigh was saluted with a piece of ordinance from the wharves of her agent, Captain A. D. Cazaux, as she glided down the river on her trip of recreation and enjoyment. Five hundred pleasant faces upon her decks indicated that a good time was expected, and the same five hundred happy faces testified on her return that a good time had been realized.

Passing down the channel that is being straightened and deepened by the removal of logs, stumps and mud, through the instrumentality of the dredge boat, we had the opportunity of a glance at the operations of that ponderous and gigantic machine, as it lowered its immense grapples to the bottom, raised the burdens to the surface and placed them in an immense lighter to be borne away from all future obstruction to navigation. Arriving at Smithville the ship stopped an hour, allowing her passengers to stroll through the grounds of the garrison, the band time to serenade the ladies of the officers and several accessions to the party, among whom were Col. Pennington, U. S. A., and his staff, to shake hands all round, get aboard and—something else.

Passing out over the Rip, we witnessed the operation there being carried on of deepening the channel by means of a steamer which worked an extraordinary pump, sucking the sand from the bottom to a receptacle in the steamer when it is carried and deposited out of harm's way.

Steaming over the bar, out to sea a short distance, a few swells of old ocean's bosom seemed to put new life into the good

ship, making her deck a little uncertain for the land lubbers and giving to some of them an intimation that it was well they had not yet dined. On their account the Committee requested the captain to give the order to return, and we again steamed into Smithville bay and up the river, all taking observations of the points of interest around the bay and along the river, and assembling in groups for jolly conversation and a "here's to yer." But the center of attraction during the whole trip was the inevitable ex-Governor. His whereabouts were always known by the presence of the assembled many.

At 2 o'clock when our bow was finally turned homeward, the guests were invited to assemble around the luncheon tables which extended between decks, up and down the whole length of the ship, on both sides, and along her beams, where an abundant collation was spread out and amply garnished with bottles of "that which gladdeneth the heart." And now the good cheer flowed in, and the fun flowed out.

Col. Wm. L. DeRosset, as President of the feast, extended a hearty welcome to the guests in a speech which reflected great credit on the body he represented.

Representing the commercial interests of Wilmington through its Chamber of Commerce, the pleasant duty had been assigned to him of welcoming the guests of the occasion, a welcome which he heartily tendered in good old Cape Fear style. They visit today locations of historic interest from the earliest days of our country.

On this river the first open resistance to tyranny was made, in the refusal of our citizens to comply with the terms of the stamp act; and this refusal was a successful one. In subsequent scenes of national interest the Cape Fear was fully and honorably represented. In our late unsuccessful war for independence this port was the main artery of the Confederacy and when severed quickly brought our brightest hopes to an end.

Here you see around you many points of interest—Forts Caswell, Holmes, Anderson, Buchanan, and last, but not least, Fisher, of glorious memory, the only fort of the Confederacy overwhelmingly attacked; never surrendered, but carried by the bayonet.

Your valuable aid heretofore given in securing the assistance of the General Government in restoring our harbor to its original capacity is graciously acknowledged, and your continued efforts in its behalf asked for. Less than a century since, ships of 1,500 tons, drawing 18 and 20 feet of water, safely entered our port. Later we were reduced to a capacity of only 12 feet. Now, thanks to the efforts of the engineering already accomplished we have 17 feet, and may reasonably expect that by the completion of the system adopted, we shall have a capacity equal to any demand which may be made upon us; and with the assistance of our press, capitalists have been, and will continue to be attracted to the advantages of the numerous investments offering; we shall offer

advantages to the people of the whole State, and to the great West, which will not be overlooked.

All that we ask for is enough of State pride to induce our people to give Wilmington the preference, or the same terms as can be secured from other ports.

Accept, then, gentlemen, a welcome as hearty as each and every one of you can wish.

The first regular toast was announced by the President, as follows: "Our Guests of the Press—So long as the great engine is kept in order, the machinery of free government will continue to run smoothly."

Mr. Williamson, of the Tarboro Southerner, responded. He said that Macauley had declared the press to be the third estate in the realm. The press of North Carolina was the first estate, but its course in the future would be like that in the past, devoted to the material interests of the good old Commonwealth. Its past history was a sufficient guarantee of what its future would be, and he knew that he spoke the sentiments of his brethren when he declared that the main-spring of their action was the prosperity of North Carolina. We were on the waters of the river where the people of Wilmington were the first to step forward on the path that led to American Independence; a people born in war and hospitable at all times, and he, for his brethren, was glad of the opportunity of expressing his gladness at being the guests of such a people.

Second regular toast: "North Carolina—the best evidence of our affection for her, will be the performance of our duty to her."

To this, Gov. Vance responded. He declared that he was literally too full for utterance (indicating a region below the heart). But if it were possible that any sentiment could reach his heart, the sentiment just proposed would do it. He loved his native State if ever a man loved anything—he loved her for her faults as well as for her virtues. Parents generally loved the spoilt child the best, and the faults of North Carolina only made her dearer to him. She had more great qualities and failings as a State than any other. She had the proud honor of shedding the first blood of the revolution, at Alamance. Long before that the first British ship, with stamps, that came to the American colonies, came into the river on which we are now traveling, and was boarded by John Ashe and Hugh Waddell, who took possession of the stamps, carried the captain by force to Wilmington and made him promise to desist from all future attempts to sell stamps in the Cape Fear region. After that, there was a little tea party in Boston harbor, who, in disguise, went on board a vessel to take tea, and throw some overboard, and pocketed the rest. North Carolina was the first colony that was settled. In 1754 Sir Walter Raleigh, the chivalric soldier, the accomplished statesman and courtier, and the scientific navigator, fitted out his expedition to North Carolina. North Carolinians were first to declare in Meck-

lenburg, May 20th, 1775, their independence of the British crown. The colonial congress at Halifax was the first to instruct her delegates in the Philadelphia congress to declare for a national independence. With all this glorious record to boast of the people of the United States scarcely know that North Carolina has a history. The modesty of her people had kept her history a sealed volume. She had reared statesmen whose counsels had been mighty in the administration of national affairs. The decisions of her jurists were quoted as authority wherever the common law obtained. Her warriors had led to victory on many hard-fought fields, and yet to none of these had her people erected a single monument or statue. Gentlemen of the Press, this thing should be wiped out. He wanted them to take their horns, not cornucopia; nor the horns that sometimes are too freely used, but he wanted them to take up the horns that they could blow, that the trumpet-tongued praises to the heroes and statesmen of North Carolina should ring throughout her borders, from the mountains to the sea.

The crowded condition of our paper compels us to defer publication of the remainder of this report until next issue although it is fully prepared for publication. We especially regret that we have to defer the remarks of Hon. A. H. VanBokkelen, who we think strikes at the root of the difficulty in the way of the prosperity of the State. This speech was relished for its solid good sense as much as was the delightful sparkling scuppernong contributed to the occasion by Messrs. Hart & Co. of this city.

Meeting of 1876

To Have Been Held in Goldsboro in May
Special Meeting in Raleigh in June

((From the Goldboro Messenger, May 18, 1876).

To the great disappointment of our Newbern friends the meeting of the Press Association proved an inglorious failure. Scarcely half a dozen members of the N. C. Press attended the Association, and it is hardly probable that any business of interest to the fraternity was attempted. Knowing that the good people of Newbern had made grand preparations for the reception of the editors, anticipating a large attendance, and seeing only the few pass through Goldsboro, our own modesty failed us and we too chose to be enrolled among the absentees, rather than face our disappointed Newbern friends, who, we knew, had spared no pains and expense to provide a grand ovation for the Knights of the Quill. Cameron of the Raleigh News, Donan of the Danville News, Davis of the Oxford Torchlight, Robinson of the Oxford Clarion, Gardner of the Smithfield Courier, and Capt. Fulghum, were all who passed through Goldsboro.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

June 12, 1876.

Col. J. D. Cameron, President of the N. C. Press Association, calls on that body to meet in Raleigh on evening of 14th proximo, to ascertain whether the organization shall be kept alive and if so to determine the next place of meeting.

June 19, 1876

The North Carolina Press Association met in the City of Raleigh on Wednesday evening, June 14th. Some twenty papers were represented. It was enthusiastically resolved to maintain and keep in vigorous life the organization. An election for offices resulted in the selection of Dr. Manning of the Roanoke News, as president; R. T. Fulghum of the Southern Centennial Guide, as Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. Davis of the Torchlight; Col. Duffy, of the Greensboro Patriot, and Col. Saunders of the Wilmington Journal, as Vice-Presidents. A good Executive Committee and other committees were appointed and much other work of an interesting character performed. The next meeting will be held in Charlotte.

THE MEETING OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

(From the Goldsboro Messenger, May 25, 1876).

The State Press Association met in Newbern on the 16th inst. Very few of its members attended which we greatly regret as the Elm City had made grand preparations for their reception and entertainment. The small attendance was not suffered, how-

ever, to interfere with the programme which was strictly carried out. A grand banquet was given in honor of the editors at which many good speeches were made.

The committee submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the gratitude of this Association is due to the noble people of Newbern for their lavish and elegant hospitality, which has anticipated every wish and rendered our stay among them a season of unceasing and varied delight. We were strangers and they took us in so charmingly, with such open arms and cordial welcome, that we go out feeling ourselves friends and brethren, heavy laden with pleasant memories and earnest good wishes.

Resolved, that our trip has been of great benefit to us in giving us new ideas of the exhaustless resources and capabilities of this eastern Eden of Carolina, the fertility of its soil, its ease of cultivation and the wondrous variety and value of its products, its commodious harbors and its extensive fisheries. All it needs to make it one of the most popular, prosperous and wealthy regions on the globe, is to make its advantages proclaimed to the world, and this the Press of the State can and should do.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to our brethren of the Newbern press for their untiring labors for our entertainment and pleasure; to the ladies of the city of the beauty which their tasteful fingers have lent to our meeting places and banqueting halls; to the Newbern cornet band and the young gentlemen of the Newbern Grays and Elm City Riflemen; to Col. L. W. Humphrey, President of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, for special trains and many courtesies.

Resolved, That the members of the N. C. Press Association, who failed to attend this meeting, deserve the severest condemnation, but their dereliction bears its own punishment with it; for they have missed the most agreeable opportunity ever offered them to become acquainted with one of the loveliest portions of their own State or of the world, and in many respects the most enjoyable convention ever held by our organization.

Meeting of 1877

Held in Charlotte, May 1877

(From the Raleigh Observer of May 17, 1877).

The address of welcome by F. Brevard McDowell, of Charlotte, to the members of the press and the reply of Dr. H. E. T. Manning, President of the Convention, are published in full in the Charlotte Observer of yesterday. The efforts of both gentlemen reflect credit upon North Carolina Journalism.

On the call of the roll of journals Tuesday evening twenty editors responded. In addition to the above the following came in on the night train: Dossey Battle, of the Tarboro Southerner; T. K. Bruner, of the Salisbury Watchman; T. C. Woodburn, of the Durham Herald; P. F. Duffy, of the Greensboro Patriot; Rev. J. H. Mills, of the Oxford Orphan's Friend; J. S. Ramesy, of the Statesville Landmark; W. R. Terry, of the Spirit of the South. In addition to these, Maj. Joseph A. Engelhard, Secretary of State, and late of the Wilmington Journal, and Col. L. L. Polk, Commissioner of Agriculture, and late of the Polkton Ansonian, arrived and will participate in the meetings of the Association.

But little business of importance was transacted at the opening meeting.

In behalf of Dr. E. O. Elliott, proprietor of the Sparkling Catawba Springs, Mr. F. B. McDowell extended an invitation to the Association to hold the Sixth Annual Meeting at the Sparkling Catawba Springs, on the 1st of June, 1878. Lies over under the rules.

Letters were read from Gov. Vance, Dr. Eugene Grissom and a number of gentlemen of the press regretting their inability to attend the present session of the convention.

Capt. R. T. Fulghum, Secretary and Treasurer, submitted his annual report, which was referred to a special committee. Messrs. Bailey, Tomlinson and McDowell, with instructions to report thereon as early as practicable. Col. Chas. R. Jones of the Charlotte Observer, called special attention to the financial condition of the Association, and urged that some definite action be taken in the premises without delay.

Mr. Bailey thought something should be done to meet the emergency, but preferred that the matter be delayed until tomorrow when a larger number of the editors would be present. Col. Saunders thought some action should be taken in the matter to secure the necessary funds. Further action on the subject was deferred until tomorrow.

The following committee was announced to meet Col. Ed. S. Gregory on his arrival in the city and accompany him to the Central Hotel: President Manning, Secretary Fulghum, Messrs.

Tomlinson, Caldwell, Chambers, Harris and Manning of the Danville News.

Col. Jones of the Charlotte Observer read a letter from Col. J. P. Thomas, Superintendent of the Carolina Military Institute, inviting the Association to visit the Institute. On motion of Col. Saunders, the invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Association tendered for the courtesy.

On motion of Capt. Fulghum, Col. J. P. Thomas was invited to a seat in the convention.

On motion of Col. Saunders, a committee of three was ordered to prepare business for the Association. The President announced Messrs. Saunders, Yates and Fulghum as the committee.

The meeting adjourned till 3:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the President.

Col. Saunders, chairman of the committee on business, made an informal report—that the Opera House had been secured for the use of the Association tomorrow at 8:00 o'clock P. M., when the address of Col. Ed. S. Gregory will be delivered.

On motion of the Secretary, the Association was requested to assemble at the Central Hotel to-morrow a 7½ o'clock P. M., in a body to accompany Col. Gregory to the Opera House.

May 18, 1877.

The address of Col. Ed. S. Gregory, of Petersburg, before the Press Association at the Opera House Wednesday evening, is published in full in the Charlotte Observer of yesterday. As every one anticipated, it was an able production, and the delivery is characterized as being superb. It will doubtless be published in the proceedings of the convention and thus perpetuated by the press of our State as a valuable part of its archives. Two meetings of the Association were held on Wednesday, in which much important business was transacted, but of interest only to the press.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing twelve months:

President: Col. Wm. L. Saunders, of the Observer.

Vice-Presidents: Col. Chas. R. Jones, of Charlotte; Dossey Battle, of Tarboro, and J. S. Tomlinson, of Hickory.

Recording Secretary: W. A. Davis, of Oxford.

Corresponding Secretary: R. T. Fulghum, of Raleigh.

Treasurer: P. F. Duffy, of Greensboro.

Executive Committee: W. J. Yates, of Charlotte; R. M. Furman, of Asheville; R. T. Fulghum, of Raleigh; T. K. Bruner, of Salisbury, and J. P. Caldwell, of Raleigh.

Several changes were made in the constitution. The time, place and all arrangements for the next annual session were placed in the hands of the executive committee.

After the regular session, the members of the press visited the residence of Mayor Johnston, the Mint, the Carolina Military Institute and Mr. Yates'. At night the Opera House was well

filled by a large audience, who heard with evident pleasure the address of Mr. Gregory.

At the conclusion of the address, the editors and a large number of citizens repaired to the dining room of the Central Hotel, where an elegant repast was enjoyed by all. Toasts were made and responded to by members of the press and others.

The supper was given by the members of the press of the city, and a number of citizens, and was pronounced an entire success.

May 20, 1877.

CHARLOTTE AND THE PRESS CONVENTION.

(Raleigh Observer, May 22, 1877).

Absence from the city has prevented an earlier acknowledgment of the courtesy and kindness extended to the members of the Press in attendance at the late annual meeting of the Press Association held in Charlotte. The reunion of the members of the press proved to be a most pleasant one and will be long remembered by those present and we trust will prove the inauguration of a new era in journalism in our State. The press of North Carolina has never made itself felt in the councils of the State as sensibly as the power it possesses deserved, a fact due in great degree to the unacquaintance of its members with each other. We trust, however, that the brethren will no longer be content with the modest position they have hitherto occupied, and to this end our annual gatherings must prove a most effective means. There is such a thing as a tyranny of the press and a most oppressive tyranny it is, but there is such a thing as an undue subjection of the press, an evil of equally great magnitude, and this is the extreme into which we of North Carolina have fallen. But the time has come to change all that.

The address of Mr. Gregory, late of the Petersburg Index and Appeal, was an admirable one, both in conception and delivery, and while directed especially to the members of the Editorial fraternity and upon matters pertaining to journalism, was yet most interesting to the non-professional hearers and was most cordially received by them. We can assure Mr. Gregory that the resolution of thanks to him from the Association was no unmeaning formality, but was an honest and sincere expression of their feelings, and an evidence of their best wishes for him in whatever walk in life he may hereafter choose to tread.

To the people of Charlotte generally for unceasing hospitality and unwearied attentions the thanks of the members of the Association, one and all, are unquestionably due. It was with regret, felt by us all, that we left their beautiful city—a city without a superior, and indeed we think, without an equal in the number of its handsome private residences. Though not a stranger in Charlotte, several years had passed since the writer had seen much of it, save its business streets, and it was a most agreeable surprise to find it so extensively built up with such handsome

residences.

By the Press of Charlotte we were welcomed in the most cordial manner. Nothing that could be done for our comfort or for our pleasure was omitted. And indeed, to their efforts is due in great measure the signal success of our annual meeting. Long may they flourish.

The Charlotte Observer of Sunday contains the proceedings of the second and last day's session.

The following amendments to the constitution were reported and adopted:

Art. III, Sec. 1:—Requiring all applications for membership to be made in writing to the Association, accompanied by a fee of two (2) dollars, the Association votes upon the applicant, etc., a majority necessary to elect, etc.

Art. IV, Sec. 2:—Places the time, place and all arrangements for annual meetings in the hands of executive committee.

Rev. C. T. Bailey made the following report on the condition of the Secretary's books, which was received and adopted:

Your committee have examined the report of the Secretary and Treasurer of this Association, and find it correct, as far as the actual membership of the Association is represented by it.

We also find on the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, assessments against thirty-five newspapers that have never become members of this Association by paying initiation fees and annual assessments, and those that have suspended after becoming active members. The aggregate amount of assessments against the papers, we find to be \$192, leaving on hand only \$76 of available assets instead of \$268, as per the report.

Therefore, we recommend that the Secretary and Treasurer be instructed to strike from the books and records of the Association all claims and assessments, except such as are entered against de facto members of the Association; and we further recommend that the assessments made on papers heretofore, not members of the Association, but which have at this meeting become members, shall be stricken from the books, and only the usual fees be charged.

We further recommend that the Secretary and Treasurer be instructed to arrange his books and accounts according to this report, and present them to the next annual meeting of the Association.

C. T. BAILEY,
J. S. TOMLINSON,
F. B. McDOWELL,
Committee.

The election of officers was then held as already reported in The Observer, and then came the able and excellent address of Mr. Gregory.

This concluded, the president elect, Col. W. L. Saunders, of The Observer, was escorted to the platform, when the retiring President addressed the Association in appropriate terms—especially thanking the members for their hearty cooperation, and congratulating them upon the selection of Col. Saunders to fill the office of President for the ensuing year.

Col. Saunders, on assuming the chair, addressed the Association as follows:

Gentlemen of the North Carolina Press Association:

I thank you most sincerely for the mark of confidence and esteem you have this day conferred upon me, and especially do I thank you for the complimentary manner in which it was done.

Doubtless you might have chosen another more worthy of your favor as its recipient, but certainly you could have chosen none who would remember it more gratefully. No man more highly appreciates than I do the power, both for good and for evil, of the press. Whether as a mere reflector of public opinion or in its higher sphere, as its guide and educator, its power is almost without limit. It is all important then for the State and her citizens that his power should be rightly directed. For its efficient exercise it is important that the conductors of the press, so far as in the nature of things it may be possible, should act together. Nor do I hesitate to say that they should learn to work together for the good of their own order, and this not merely from selfish motives nor purely from pecuniary consideration, nor even for better foundation for its prosperity and its citizens no better guarantee for their liberties than an intelligent, vigilant, bold and political promotion, but for the reason that a State can have no honest spoken public press.

As for myself, I have come to have a pride in my profession, for journalism is now my profession. If ever it shall be my fortune to gain honor and reputation or to do anything for my State I shall do so by the powerful aid of printer's ink. I feel therefore that I have enlisted for the war, and I say to you frankly it is my full purpose to magnify my calling, but it was not always so. Educated for another profession, one too well worthy of the devotion of the most earnest, and calculated to satisfy the aspirations of the most ambitious, the beginning of the war found me entered upon its practice with at least bright hopes.

Crippled in body and broken in health, the end of that great struggle found me incapacitated from its further pursuit. With returning health and amid the exciting scenes of the years gone by, when a man must speak or die, insensibly or unconsciously, like many others before doubtless, I drifted into journalism—first as a volunteer for several years, and finally as a regular soldier. You will, I trust, pardon me for the personal allusions for what I have said. It has been made to enforce and illustrate the declarations that I take pride in my profession and intend by all honorable means to extend its influence, to add to its dignity and to elevate its character. With these views of the exalted mission of journalism and with its power for good and for evil, it is needless to say that I feel a corresponding sense of the weight of responsibility arising from the possession of that power. Indeed the responsibility, when duly considered as one to be answerable for both here and hereafter, both temporarily and eternally, is a fearful one. We must remember that while the political teacher and the religious reach only their hundreds, we reach our thousands. If then, we propagate error, we do it upon no insignificant scale. It is incumbent upon us therefore, to do something more than to magnify our calling—in a word that we should fit ourselves for it.

Let it be henceforth the study of our lives to make ourselves better editors, and in doing so make ourselves better citizens, better men and better christians.

Thanking you again, gentlemen, for the honor you have done me, I now enter upon the discharge of the duties of the position to which your kind partiality has called me.

On motion of Mr. Fulghun, Dr. Manning of the Maryland

Medical Journal, Baltimore, was made an honorary member of this association.

On motion of F. B. McDowell the thanks of the association were tendered F. S. Gregory, Esq., for the very able and excellent address just delivered before the Association.

There being no further business, on motion of Col. Chas. R. Jones, the fifth annual session of the Association adjourned sine die.

NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION

(From the Charlotte Democrat, May 18, 1877)

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association was held in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday last, May 15th and 16th. Dr. H. E. T. Manning, formerly of Weldon, but now residing in Baltimore, presided as President of the Association, and R. T. Fulghum of Raleigh, acted as Secretary. Twenty-five of the newspapers of the State were represented.

F. Brevard McDowell, Esq., of the Charlotte Observer, made an Address of Welcome to the Association, which was responded to by Dr. Manning in a chaste and elegant manner.

The meetings of the Association were public, and several citizens attended each session.

The address of E. S. Gregory, Esq., of Petersburg, before the Association on Wednesday evening at the Opera House, was indeed an eloquent, interesting and instructive production. It abounded in practical suggestions and prudent and patriotic advice, with wit and humor enough to keep any one from getting tired during its delivery of nearly one hour. Many of the most intelligent citizens of the city were in the audience, and all were profuse in their praise of the orator and the manner in which he handled his subject. Mr. Gregory made many friends and admirers while in the city.

A dinner complimentary to visiting editors was given at the Central Hotel on Wednesday night after the delivery of the address, at which several citizens participated. In response to toasts speeches were made by Col. Wm. Johnston, E. S. Gregory, Esq., Col. J. P. Thomas, Dr. H. E. T. Manning, P. F. Duffy, Esq., Col. Ham C. Jones, F. B. McDowell, Esq., Dossy Battle, Esq., Sam'l P. Smith, Esq., Maj. J. A. Englehard, Dr. T. J. Moore, and Col. L. L. Polk. A more orderly or better behaved company never assembled at a public dinner. The dinner was prepared by Mr. Eccles of the Central Hotel, and of course was as nice as any one could wish. Mr. Eccles is not only a very clever man and affable gentleman, but "he knows how to keep a hotel."

The meeting was a pleasant one in every respect and all seemed to enjoy the occasion. For ourself individually, and for Messrs. Jones & McDowell of the Observer, and also in behalf of the visiting editors, we tender thanks to those generous citizens of the city who assisted in entertaining and contributed to the enjoyment of visitors.

The Association adjourned on Wednesday evening sine die. The time and place of the next meeting and the selection of an orator, is to be decided by the Executive Committee, which will not take action until sometime during the ensuing winter.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Col. Wm. L. Saunders of Raleigh.

Vice-Presidents—Col. Chas. R. Jones of Charlotte, Dossey Battle of Tarboro, and J. S. Tomlinson of Hickory.

Recording Secretary—W. A. Davis of Oxford.

Corresponding Secretary—R. T. Fulghum of Raleigh.

Treasurer—P. F. Duffy of Greensboro.

Executive Committee—W. J. Yates of Charlotte, R. M. Furman of Asheville, R. T. Fulghum of Raleigh, T. K. Bruner of Salisbury, and J. P. Caldwell of Raleigh.

Personal.

We were pleased to see in the city, this week, in attendance at the N. C. Press Association, Maj. J. A. Engelhard, Secretary of State, and Col. L. L. Polk, Commissioner of Agriculture, both of whom left the Editorial Chair to occupy their present positions, and both of whom North Carolina delights to honor as intelligent, noble and true sons.

We were also pleased to see in attendance two brother editors from the State of Virginia: W. T. Manning, Esq., of the Danville News; and E. S. Gregory, Esq., of the Petersburg Index—the latter gentleman being the orator of the occasion.

We were also gratified to meet many old friends and acquaintances of the editorial fraternity of North Carolina, and form some pleasant new acquaintances: Dossey Battle, Esq., of Tarboro; Dr. Manning, of Weldon; Rev. C. T. Bailey, of Raleigh; Col. Woodburn, of Durham, gentlemen whom we had not heretofore met.

Meeting of 1878

Held at Sparkling Catawba Springs (Near Hickory)
July 1878

(From The Observer, Raleigh, July 6, 1878).

The North Carolina Press Association met in Convention at Sparkling Catawba Springs, Wednesday evening at four o'clock, July 3, 1878. The President, Col. Wm. L. Saunders, of the Raleigh Observer, called the meeting to order. F. D. Winston, of the Chapel Hill Ledger, was appointed temporary Assistant Secretary. The Secretary, W. A. Davis, of the Oxford Torchlight, was instructed to call the roll, whereupon the following papers were reported as being represented:

Statesville American, Proxy.
Wadesboro Argus, Proxy.
Asheville Citizen, Furman & Stone.
Murfreesboro Enquirer, E. L. C. Ward.
Wadesboro Herald, J. T. Patrick.
Statesville Landmark, J. S. Ramsey.
Oxford Torchlight, W. A. Davis.
Goldsboro Messenger, Proxy.
Rocky Mount Mail, Proxy.
New Bern Newbernian, Seth M. Carpenter.
Raleigh News, Johnstone Jones.
Raleigh Observer, W. L. Saunders.
Raleigh Biblical Recorder, J. M. Broughton.
Hickory Piedmont Press, J. S. Tomlinson.
Lumberton Robesonian, W. W. McDairmid.
Hillsboro Recorder, J. D. Cameron.
Greenville Express, D. J. Whichard.
Tarboro Southerner, Dossy Battle.
Concord Register, John Woodhouse.
Lenoir Topic, M. V. Moore.
New Bern Times, W. H. Manix.
Salisbury Watchman, T. K. Bruner.

The chair announced that there was a quorum present, and called upon Rev. C. M. Pepper, of the Carolina Methodist, who opened the meeting with a very appropriate prayer.

Col. Saunders addressed the Convention as follows:

I am not one of those who sneeringly or even doubtfully ask what good thing can come of a Press Convention? To my mind the advantages of these annual reunions are manifold. Not the least among them is the begetting of a spirit of charity and tolerance one for another in the conflict of opinions that must necessarily arise among us. There is not one among us, I venture to say, who after one of these annual reunions will not feel more loth than before to impugn the motives or to traduce the character of those whom he has thus come to know personally and thus knowing to respect. Differences must arise and, unfortunately, with us difference must be settled in public. Press skeletons unlike others will not stay in closets. It is highly important then that we should agree to disagree without impugning each other's motives or attacking each other's characters, that we should practice that charity and toleration that comes of the

knowledge that none of us is infallible and that men may differ with us in the principle and oppose us in policy without being rascals. It will be admitted that the heated campaigns we are constantly called upon to conduct are not very conducive to good temper or to amiable expression. What then so likely to correct this evil as these pleasant social annual reunions where all our differences are forgotten?

Another thing these press conventions do. They foster and encourage a better and a higher spirit du corps and inspire us with a truer appreciation of the dignity and importance of our calling. When we see before us the men who confessedly have in their hands the control of the Press of the State, we are naturally led to reflect upon the power of that Press and this cannot be done without being awed by a sense of great responsibility it imposes in the use we make of it. We have control of all the great avenues of communication between man and man. Everything almost that is intended to reach the human understanding takes form and shape in the newspaper. In its columns not only is news transmitted, but religion, science, law, medicine, politics, statesmanship and government also are taught. Children almost learn to read in newspapers, while their elders but not their betters even Kings and Presidents and Governors are not happy day by day until they know what the papers have to say. It is common enough indeed, especially in the mouth of the average politician to hear platitudes about the power of the press, but do they or we truly realize that power? If we did thus realize it would we not strive more earnestly to prepare ourselves for its conscientious exercise. We ought never to forget that we have in our hands greater power to do greater good for the State than any other body of men in it.

Another thing that Press Conventions do, carrying us about as they do into different sections of the State, is to give us a much needed knowledge of their several wants and needs, a knowledge that is absolutely essential to an intelligent exercise of our calling. Take for example the western section of our State. How is it possible for any one to realize the condition of the people there, cut off as they are from almost every facility for transportation both natural and artificial without going there? I venture to say that if this Convention could do as I have done and stay up there with that generous and hospitable people, three months out of sight, out of sound, and out of reach of a railroad and with no navigable river, the press of the State would be unanimous and most persisting in its demands that the people there be put upon something like an equality with the people elsewhere in North Carolina.

I congratulate you then, gentlemen, that another annual reunion has begun under such favorable auspices. Many things conspire together to give promise that the session of the Press Convention of 1878 will be a most pleasant one. A generous and hospitable host, beautiful grounds, commodious buildings, health giving waters and delightful breezes that constitute one of the most pleasant resorts in the State, are all at our command. It is meet, therefore, that we should gather here from the mountains to the seashore to enjoy our brief holiday from the consuming cares of our calling. Indeed the large number of our profession that I see before me inspires me with fresh hope and renewed confidence in the future of journalism in North Carolina. You would not have thus come from your homes and from your presses, did you not have a love for your profession and a pride in its membership. Another omen of good import is the presence here of our young friends of the Amateur Press Association. It surely

promises well for the future of journalism in this State, to see these bright youths preparing themselves to enter the ranks of the profession, and in your name I bid them a cordial welcome.

But amid many causes for congratulation, there is one for unfeigned sorrow. Since our last meeting death has entered our fold, and taken from us one whom we all knew, and whom we all loved. There was no one who knew Capt. Woodson that will not affectionately cherish his memory. A gallant soldier, a true friend, a genial companion, and by nature a newspaper man, we shall not soon look upon his like again. It is with a full heart that I make this brief record of one with whom I was intimately associated, whose many winning qualities I had come to know well and admire thoroughly.

Mr. W. H. H. Gregory, in behalf of Dr. Elliott, the proprietor of the Sparkling Catawba Springs, delivered an address of welcome. He spoke in his usual happy conversational style, and in a few appropriate remarks tendered the hospitality of the place. This was responded to in a few timely words by Gen. Johnstone Jones.

On motion, Major Joseph A. Englehard and Col. John D. Cameron, ex-Presidents of the Association, took seats on the rostrum, and W. T. Manning, of the Danville, Va., News, Dr. G. E. Matthews, representative of the Norfolk (Va.) Landmark, and J. F. Murrill, formerly editor of the Piedmont Press, took seats in the body of the Convention.

On motion, R. M. Furman, the representatives from the North Carolina Amateur Press Association were requested to take seats in the Convention, and that each one present be enrolled on our list as an honorary member. The following young men of that body were present: E. A. Oldham, Wilmington, Southern Star; G. M. Carr, Rose Hill, North Carolina Amateurs; J. M. Howard, New Bern, Boys' Courier; R. H. Engle, Raleigh, Oak City Item; J. D. Nutt, Wilmington, Advertiser; Josephus Daniels, Southern Star.

The chair announced that if there were any gentlemen present who wished to join the Association they could do so by coming to the Secretary's table and paying the amount required by the Constitution. The following responses were made:

C. T. C. Deake, Roan Mountain, Republican.
 E. H. Laughlin, Mooresville, Gazette.
 H. H. Crowson, Morganton, Blade.
 Clement Manly, for New Bern, Nut Shell.
 Clement Manly, for Beaufort, Atlantic.
 W. J. Boylin, Monroe, Express.
 R. B. Creecy, Elizabeth City, Economist.
 J. T. Crocker, Randolph, Regulator.
 P. C. Enniss, Raleigh, N. C. Farmer.
 Rev. Upson Robey and Pepper, Carolina Methodist.
 Abernethy & Burt, Excelsior, Educator.
 H. M. Blair, Hickory, Temperance Advocate.
 Warlick Brothers, Lincolnton, News.
 Winston & Pell, Chapel Hill, Ledger.
 C. M. Brown, Washington, Press.
 J. A. Crews, Zion's Landmark.

On motion the chair appointed the following gentlemen as a committee on Business: Jordan Stone, R. B. Creecy and W. H. Manix.

The following were appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws: J. S. Tomlinson, J. D. Cameron, and Jordan Stone.

The following were appointed as a Finance Committee: R. M. Furman, C. T. C. Deake and S. M. Carpenter.

The Secretary read a letter from R. T. Fulghum, the former Secretary, which stated that he had shipped a case of the Durham Smoking Tobacco to be distributed gratuitously among the members of the Association. The tobacco was received and a vote of thanks given Mr. Blackwell.

The Secretary stated that he was authorized by Maj. J. W. Wilson, President of the Western North Carolina Railroad, to inform the Convention that a special car would be left at Hickory to convey the members in a body to the mountains on Friday.

J. S. Tomlinson stated that he was authorized by the citizens of Hickory to extend the Association an invitation to be present at a supper and ball prepared for the fraternity and to take place Friday night.

C. T. C. Deake invited the body to visit the Cloudland Hotel of Roan Mountain.

F. D. Winston invited the Association to visit Chapel Hill to examine the workings of the Normal School.

Dossy Battle, in behalf of the proprietor, invited the editors to stop at the Yarbboro House, in Raleigh.

The committee appointed to arrange business reported in favor of convening tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock. Dossy Battle's address at 11 o'clock, election of officers in the afternoon and to accept the courtesies extended by Maj. Wilson and the citizens of Hickory. Adopted.

On motion a committee was appointed to draft resolutions to the memory of our lately deceased brother, E. C. Woodson, viz: W. H. Manix, Johnstone Jones and E. H. McLaughlin.

Adjourned to meet according to report of Committee on Business.

(From The Observer, Sunday, July 7, 1878).

According to the order of proceedings, Col. Saunders, President of the Association, called the Convention to order at 9:30 o'clock.

The several committees appointed on Wednesday made their reports, which were accepted and approved.

Mr. Manix, chairman of the committee appointed yesterday to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our lately deceased brother, Capt. E. C. Woodson, submitted a report which was ordered to be published with the proceedings.

The time appointed for the delivery of the annual address by Dossy Battle of the Tarboro Southerner, having arrived, R. B. Creecy, of the Elizabeth City Economist, and J. T. Patrick, of the

Wadesboro Herald, were appointed by the President to wait on Mr. Battle and conduct him to the Convention. The appearance of Mr. Battle was greeted with applause. After being seated the speaker was presented to the Convention in graceful terms by R. B. Creecy.

The address of Mr. Battle occupied nearly an hour in its delivery. It was an entire success, as the large audience composed of the members of the Convention, the visitors at the Catawba Springs and citizens living in the vicinity, abundantly testified by repeated applause and the most undivided attention. Its sallies of wit were unquestionable hits; its descriptions of scenes in an editor's sanctum were real pictures drawn from the innermost life, and its description of the hardships of editorial life, were drawn with a master hand, in terms of blended pathos and humor.

At the close of the address and its attendant congratulations, the following resolution was submitted by R. B. Creecy:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Dossy Battle, for the excellent, instructive and humorous address which he has just delivered.

On motion of W. W. McDairmid, of the Lumberton Robesonian, the resolution was amended by requesting a copy of the address for publication with the proceedings of the convention, and also requesting for publication, a copy of the remarks of Mr. Creecy in presenting the speaker; which amendments were unanimously adopted.

A communication was made to the convention by J. M. Broughton, of the Raleigh Biblical Recorder, that Mr. Engle, a photographer, desired to make a photograph of the members of the Press Convention in group, for presentation to each member, and to know the convenience of the Convention to sit for the picture.

On motion of W. H. Manix, of the New Bern Times, J. M. Broughton was appointed a committee of one to acknowledge the courtesy and ascertain at what time would suit the photographer.

The Convention next proceeded to the order of for the election of officers for the coming year.

It was moved by J. D. Cameron, of the Hillsboro Recorder, that the President and Secretary of the Association, Col. W. L. Saunders, of the Raleigh Observer, and W. A. Davis, of the Oxford Torch Light, be re-elected for the ensuing year.

The motion was sustained by R. B. Creecy, and at the suggestion of C. T. Deake, of the Roan Mountain Republican, Major J. A. Englehard occupied the chair pending the resolution. Upon the motion being submitted by the chair, it was carried unanimously and by acclamation.

Col. Saunders in brief and appropriate remarks, acknowledged the honor again conferred upon him. He was followed by M. Davis in acknowledgment of his re-election in a few pointed and humorous remarks.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of three vice-

presidents for the ensuing year when Mr. Furman, of the Citizen, Mr. McDiarmid, of the Robesonian, and Mr. Creecy, of the Economist, were declared elected.

On motion of Clement Manly, of the New Bern Nut Shell, the Convention next proceeded to the selection of a place for the meeting of the next annual convention of the Press Association. Mr. Manly presented an invitation from Mr. Bagby, of the Atlantic Hotel, to hold the next session of the Convention in that place, in Beaufort. Mr. Furman was authorized by the citizens of Asheville to invite the Association to hold the next Convention in Asheville. Mr. Deake presented an invitation from the proprietor of the "Cloud Land Hotel" for the Association to meet next year at that place on Roan Mountain, in Mitchell county.

There was considerable discussion of this question, which was participated in by Messrs. Manly, Furman, Manix, Deake, Carpenter, of the Newbernian, and others. The question was decided by a call of the roll when "The Atlantic Hotel," at Beaufort, was selected as the place for the meeting of the next annual Convention. The time of meeting was left to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Next in order was the selection of an orator and a poet for the next annual convention. Mr. McDiarmid put in nomination for orator at the next meeting the name of J. D. Cameron, of the Hillsboro Recorder. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Furman. The question being submitted, Mr. Cameron was unanimously elected.

Mr. Manix put in nomination for poet, at the next Convention, the name of Clement Manly, of the New Bern Nutshell. The nomination of Mr. Manly was seconded by Mr. Creecy. The question was submitted when Mr. Manly was unanimously chosen as poet for the next Convention.

It was suggested by Mr. Furman that Mrs. Mary Bayard Clark be invited to attend the next convention.

Mr. Manix also suggested the name of Mrs. Cicero W. Harris.

Mr. Manly suggested the name of Miss Fisher.

Other names were also added, but it was finally determined to be inexpedient to make any invitations.

After the appointment of an Executive Committee by the President the Convention adjourned to meet in Hickory, and accept an invitation from Major Wilson to an excursion to the mountains, and a banquet and ball given by the citizens of Hickory to the convention on Friday night.

The Convention then adjourned sine die.

EXTRACT FROM TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS IN HARNESS

(By Josephus Daniels, from News and Observer, June 6, 1907)

"At that time there were twenty-five or thirty boys in different towns in the State who were editing amateur papers. We met at Goldsboro and organized the North Carolina Amateur Press Association, and thought we were 'some pumpkins.' Upon

the adjournment of that meeting, the late Mr. Wm. A. Davis (who had started in journalism as a boy) at Oxford, then Secretary of the State Press Association, invited the boy editors (I reckon the average age of the editors was fifteen years) to go to Catawba Springs and attend the convention of the editors. He furnished passes (that was a day when passes were plentiful) from Goldsboro to Catawba Springs for some of the boys, and upon his 'say-so' the conductor passed the balance of the boys without money or ticket. It was here that I first met the men who had long been great men in my boyish eyes, chief among them was the venerable Col. R. B. Creecy, the late Col. Wm. L. Saunders, the late Jordan Stone, John D. Cameron and others, who were then directing the press of the State. I was on the mountain top communing with the immortals of the profession that I thought—and I still think—above all others. The regulars treated the amateurs with great kindness but had their own fun out of us. As I have stated we had no railroad ticket to return home on and in a body we went to call on Col. Saunders and Col. Creecy and Mr. Jordan Stone to request them to get us return passes. We told them frankly that we didn't have enough money to pay our way back home and unless they could arrange passes we would have to walk. I shall never forget the merry twinkle in the eyes of Col. Saunders and Col. Creecy as they gravely took out their pencils and ascertained how many miles each boy would have to walk to get home, and asked each boy how many miles he could walk a day. Then they figured exactly how many days it would take for each one to get back home. They had their own fun over it and kept the youthful editors on the tenter-hooks all day, laughing heartily as they would tell the long-faced amateurs of the interesting places he would visit on his walk to his home. After we had spent a whole day in the fear that we would end our first journalistic jaunt counting cross-ties, these great-hearted men arranged the transportation (I never knew how) and a happier and prouder crowd of amateur editors never enjoyed an outing so much. Col. Creecy from that day has always said 'Josephus and I were amateur editors together, when we were boys.' And I have always loved him for the fun he had out of our predicament and thanked him and the others for their present help in time of trouble."

Meeting of 1879

Was to have been held in Beaufort, but storm swept hotel away
Held in Goldsboro, August 1879

(From the Goldsboro Messenger, August 21, 1879).

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association is being held in our city as we write. The meeting was to have been held in the Atlantic House at Beaufort, and most of the press representatives had left their homes in the full expectation of spending a few days of real enjoyment amidst the steady breezes from the ocean. But, alas! The terrible storm king has wrought desolation and ruin to Beaufort, and ye editors are disappointed in their seaside expectations. In the dilemma Goldsboro was chosen for the place of meeting, and, of course, we rejoice to have the honor conferred upon our little city, and bid our brethren a hearty and sincere welcome, only regretting that the pleasurable task of entertaining them, in that true generosity and hospitable spirit, in which Goldsboro yields to no other town, has been denied us by the absence of any previous notice. We trust, however, that they may enjoy their short stay among us, and will carry back to their homes such good impressions of this community, as shall induce them to make us many more visits in the near future.

The Press Association was first organized here in Goldsboro, on May 14, 1873, with the lamented Engelhard as its first President. And what solemn thoughts fill our mind as we write his name? It recalls the familiar faces of those who were participants in that organization of the Association, and as we pass in review the departed faces of Engelhard, McDiarmid and Harris, and behold the many changes that have since taken place, the flight of time makes us sad indeed. It tells each and all of us that it is but a question of time when we too shall sleep the long sleep that knows no waking.

Fifty-two members of the editorial fraternity are in attendance, among whom we notice Col. W. L. Saunders, President; Messrs. R. M. Murman and Jordan Stone, of the Asheville Citizen; Dossey Battle, of the Tarboro Southerner; Col. J. D. Cameron, of the Durham Recorder; G. M. Matthews, of the Winston Sentinel; and J. A. Robinson, of the Leader, published in the same town; Wm. A. Davis, Oxford Torch-Light; T. K. Bruner, Salisbury Watchman; T. S. Ramsey, Statesville Landmark; John E. Woodard, Wilson Advance; Geo. S. Baker and J. A. Thomas, of the Louisburg Times; Henry A. London, Jr., Pittsboro Record; J. W. Goslen, Winston Republican; J. W. Dowd, Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic; C. T. C. Deake, Roan Mountain Republican; P. B. Clarke, Henderson Tobacconist; D. J. Wichard, Greenville Express; R. T. Fulghum, representing the Raleigh Observer, and G.

E. Matthews, the Norfolk Landmark; T. B. Garner, Elizabeth City paper; J. A. Harrell, Weldon Roanoke Farmer; R. B. Creecy, Elizabeth City Economist, Frank C. Vaughn, of the Falcon of the same town; E. L. C. Ward, Murfreesboro Enquirer; R. B. Evans, Wilson Casket; J. H. Halyburton, Morganton Blade; S. P. Carpenter, Newbernian, and Clem Manly, of the Nut-Shell, Geo. A. Latham, Newbern Democrat; J. D. Hodges, Trinity Chi Phi Quarterly; S. A. Ashe, Raleigh Observer; R. P. Davis, Monroe Enquirer; W. H. Neal, Rockingham Pee Dee Bee; J. W. Harper, Kinston Journal; J. A. Crews, Zion's Landmark; John Woodhouse, Concord Register; W. W. McDiarmid, Lumberton Robesonian; P. F. Duffy, Greensboro Patriot; John T. Britt, Oxford Free-Lance; J. R. Webster, Reidsville Times; Allen Gritt, Chapel Hill Ledger; G. S. Bradshaw, Asheboro Courier; J. M. Broughton, Biblical Recorder; George C. Jordan, Raleigh News; W. H. Avera, Goldsboro Mail; Julius A. Bonitz, Goldsboro Messenger. Also the following visitors, viz: James P. Wood, Richmond (Va.) Whig; Dr. A. Monteiro, Manchester (Va.) Courier; F. V. Morton, representing the Petersburg Index-Appeal, and Francis Fountain, of the Georgia Pess.

The Association was called to order by its President, Col. W. L. Saunders, at 10:30 o'clock, in the large and commodious hall of the Gregory House. We give elsewhere to our readers his excellent opening address, which charmed and was listened to with profound attention by all present. He spoke appropriately of the mission of the press, and in his reference to the present meeting dwells graphically and with feelings of sympathy on the terrible disaster at Beaufort, alluding in most glowing, patriotic terms to the conduct of those who were participants in the Atlantic House peril, and particularly to the noble, heroic conduct of the good people of Beaufort, white and colored, who did everything in their power to rescue those in peril and alleviate their distress and discomfort. He closed his remarks with a touching memorial upon the death of the late Major J. A. Engelhard, and probably no juster, more heartfelt, earnest tribute was ever paid to the memory of any one, and yet it is but an out-gushing expression of what every member of the press felt for one of their number who was revered and loved.

On motion of Mr. Dossey Battle, the address was voted to be spread upon the minutes of the Association, and the remarks of Mr. Battle in this connection were of the chastest beauty and propriety, for which he is so well noted.

Capt. S. A. Ashe arose next to express the highest appreciation and affection of the departed, and paid to his memory a beautiful and most fitting tribute, concluding with a motion that a committee be appointed to submit suitable resolutions. He was most warmly seconded by Mr. Deake.

The President appointed Messrs. Ashe, Deake and London, the committee under Capt. Ashe's motion. The whole scene was impressive and solemn.

A committee was also appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sympathy of the Association for the good people of Beaufort and Mr. B. L. Perry in particular, in their afflictions and desolation. Asheville was agreed upon as the place for the next annual meeting, and it was decided that the Association accept the cordial invitation of the proprietor of Glen Alpine Springs, and a large number of the members will leave for that point this morning. At 2½ P. M. Col. Creecy introduced Clem. Manly, Esq., of Newbern, the Poet elect of the Association, who came forward and discharged the duty imposed upon him in a most pathetic and impressive manner. Our time and space will not admit giving it in full today, and to attempt a criticism of it or Mr. Manly's effort would fail to do justice. The Association will probably adjourn this morning. Dossey Battle, Esq., of the Southerner, was elected President of the Press Association for the ensuing year. We have only time to say that no better selection could have been made.

THE PRESS CONVENTION

(From The Goldsboro Messenger, August 25, 1879).

The Editorial Convention wound up its labors in this town, Wednesday night of last week, and Thursday morning they took their departure from our midst, a majority of them going on an excursion to the Glen Alpine Springs. We have assurances that our brethren left this town highly pleased and delighted with their reception and short stay among us.

We have already published a synopsis of the opening proceedings. It only remains to give a summary of the winding up.

At the conclusion of Col. Saunders' most excellent address, which we printed in our last issue, Capt. Sam A. Ashe, of the Raleigh Observer, moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions touching the death of Joseph A. Engelhard, which was seconded in some feeling remarks by Mr. Deake of the Roan Mountain Republican, and was then carried. Capt. Ashe, Mr. Deake and Mr. H. A. London, Jr., were appointed on the committee.

Mr. Deake offered a resolution that a committee of four, consisting of Colonel Creecy, Robinson, Woodard and Ward, be appointed to express the sympathy of the Press with the sufferers of the Beaufort disaster. Adopted.

The reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were ordered to be submitted to a special committee. Mr. H. A. London, Jr., moved that a committee be appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws, to report at the next Convention.

Mr. Avera, of the Mail, presented to the Convention an invitation from Mr. Wm. Bonitz to the Association, to be his guests at the meeting next year, at his hotel now building.

A committee of five was appointed to consider and report upon the subject of legal advertising.

Mr. Furman then read an invitation signed by many citizens

of Asheville to the Association to hold the next meeting at Asheville, which invitation was accepted, with a resolution of thanks to Mr. Wm. Bonitz for his hospitable offer. Mr. Stone extended an invitation from the proprietors of Glen Alpine Springs for the Association to go on an excursion there which was accepted.

Mr. J. A. Bonitz, of the Messenger, extended an invitation to the Association to dine with him, which was accepted.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2 o'clock Mr. Clem Manly, the editor of the Nut Shell, who had been appointed to deliver a poem by the last Convention, recited a poem that had been prepared with reference to its delivery at Beaufort, where the Convention was to have been held. We print it elsewhere.

An invitation was received from Josh T. James, Esq., of the Wilmington Review, tendering the hospitalities of the people of his city, was considered and declined with regrets, the Convention having previously accepted the offer to visit Glen Alpine.

Messrs. Griffin Brothers presented the Association with cigars for the occasion, of their own manufacture, which were accepted with thanks.

The election of new officers being in order, Dossey Battle was elected President, and Messrs. Creecy, Furman and London, Vice-Presidents, and Jordan Stone, Secretary and Treasurer. Colonel Creecy was chosen Orator for the next Convention. Mrs. Mary Bayard Clarke was requested to write an ode, to be recited at the next convention.

Mr. Fontaine, proprietor of the Southern Co-operative Agency, was indorsed by the Convention.

Col. Creecy made the following report, expressing the sympathy of the Association with the sufferers by the calamity at Beaufort, and more particularly for the misfortune that had befallen Mr. Perry, whose hospitality the Convention was to have enjoyed had it not been for the storm:

The Press Convention of North Carolina in convention assembled, desire to express their heartfelt sympathy at the severe loss and suffering sustained in the recent storm at Beaufort by their kind and generous host, B. L. Perry, Esq., of the Atlantic Hotel, at which place, by his invitation, they were to have met today. They desire also to express their sympathy for the visitors at the Atlantic and the citizens of Beaufort, in the losses they sustained on that disastrous and terrible occasion. They further desire to put upon record their deep sorrow at the announcement of the death of John D. Hughes and W. H. Congleton, and to express their admiration of heroism in giving up their own lives in attempting to save the lives of others.

Capt. Ashe read resolutions expressive of the sentiments on the death of Maj. Joseph A. Engelhard, as follows:

Resolved, That in the death of Joseph A. Engelhard, this Association has lost an esteemed member, the profession of journalism an honored name, the State Government an efficient, faithful and incorruptible officer, and the people of North Carolina a worthy citizen ardently devoted to their interests, jealous of their

honor and full of zeal for the advancement of their happiness and welfare.

Resolved, That we sympathize deeply with his bereaved family in their distress and sore affliction, and that the Secretary of this Association be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to Mrs. Engelhard.

Resolved, That the Press of the State be requested to print these resolutions.

Resolutions of thanks were adopted to the President and Secretary. A resolution was adopted that the members of the Convention stop over at Raleigh on the 21st, when enroute for Glen Alpine, and at one o'clock call on and pay their respects to His Excellency, the Governor of North Carolina.

An invitation was extended and accepted with thanks to dine while in Raleigh with Messrs. S. R. Street & Sons, at the National Hotel.

EVENING SESSION

At 8½ P. M. Col. J. D. Cameron, of the Durham Recorder, was introduced by Mr. Foote of the Warrenton Gazette, as the orator of the Association. The address of Col. Cameron was chaste, able and replete with valuable suggestions to the press, and we greatly regret not having a copy of it for publication. After the address the following were announced as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Messrs. S. A. Ashe, Raleigh; W. J. Yates, Charlotte; T. K. Bruner, Salem; J. A. Bonitz, Goldsboro; J. S. Tomlinson, Hickory. Thanks were voted to the proprietors of the Gregory House for the use of its hall and for other courtesies extended the Association.

The thanks of the Association were tendered the citizens of Goldsboro for their liberality and unexpected courtesy in defraying the expenses of this Association while stopping at the Gregory House.

It was also resolved that the thanks of the Association are specially due J. A. Bonitz, Esq., of the Goldsboro Messenger, for his numerous kindnesses and courtesies on this occasion.

A resolution was adopted returning thanks of the Association to the Western North Carolina, Richmond and Danville and North Carolina, Wilmington and Weldon, Raleigh and Gaston, Seaboard and Roanoke, Atlantic and North Carolina, and the Carolina Central Railways, for courtesies extended the press in passing the members over these roads.

Resolutions of thanks were also tendered Col. John D. Cameron for his chaste and elegant address, and Mr. Clem Manly for his poem, after which the Association adjourned sine die.

Meeting of 1880

Held in Asheville, June 1880

(From The Asheville Citizen, June 24, 1880).

Every preparation has been made for the reception of the gentlemen of the press who are to meet here next week, and we are confident our citizens will see that they have a pleasant time. It will be the first visit of many of these gentlemen to our mountain home or to this section of the State, and we hope they may go away carrying with them pleasant impressions of our people and our country.

A formal reception will be given the press, by the citizens of Asheville, on Wednesday night, to which the entire community will be invited, and the Committee of Reception will arrange that this affair shall be a pleasant one. Other arrangements for the entertainment of our guests will be made by the different committees, the particulars of which will hereafter be made known.

The impression having been made in the community, and possibly abroad, that the ball to be given on Thursday night was to constitute a portion of the entertainment from the citizens of the community at large, some of the churches very justly took exception thereat, and the following article will place them right. The ball is given by a number of the young gentlemen of the place as a compliment to those of the press who choose to attend.

It having been announced that a reception ball would be given on Thursday, July 1st, in honor of the Press Association of North Carolina, to be in session in this place, the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches made formal objections to that part of the programme of entertainment. The score of their objections is this, that the manner of the announcement, and the place which the ball occupies on the programme of entertainment, tend to the impression that the town of Asheville as such, offers a reception ball on that occasion. It is well known that such is not the case, nor is it believed that those originating that item had any purpose of making that impression. The churches, however, feeling that such an impression is inevitable as the publication stands, wish, in a spirit of kindness and firmness, to absolve themselves from all responsibility for that part of the entertainment, purely upon the score of a disapprobation of the amusement itself. Having been appointed to represent the aforesaid churches in this matter, we beg leave in their behalf to state that it is the sense of these churches:

(1) That an entertainment purporting to be given by a community to a company of invited guests, ought to be of such character that a part of neither the community giving it, nor the

guests accepting it, shall be excluded from participating by religious scruples. (2) That from such an entertainment, as the one proposed, a considerable number of the guests and a large and influential part of the community will be excluded by strong and intelligent religious convictions. (3) That if that part of the entertainment which will exclude a part of our guests, be carried out, it shall be understood that it is still a matter of personal enterprise and not of the community at large. (4) That we desire the Association to meet in our town, and that we heartily welcome to our homes and hospitality all the editors of the State, and such others from abroad as may be in attendance.

S. F. VENABLE,
JAS. ATKINS, Jr.,
OWEN SMITH,

Committee from the Churches

June 23, 1880.

The Press Convention will assemble in the court house in this place today (Wednesday) at 2½ p. m., Dorsey Battle, Esq., of the Tarboro Southerner, presiding. Tonight a formal reception will be given the visiting gentlemen at the College Chapel, to which the public generally are invited. During the evening the annual oration will be delivered by Col. R. B. Creecy, of the Elizabeth City Economist. After this ceremony is over, refreshments will be served the gentlemen of the press in the large dining room of the Steward's Hall, to which latter arrangement the press will be indebted to the labors of a number of young ladies of the town, assisted by young gentlemen who are ever ready to help in such work.

On Thursday the Convention will again assemble at such time as may be agreed upon. In the afternoon a general drive will be given to the different points of interest around the town, and on Thursday night a grand ball will be tendered the press in the Opera House, one of the most delightful rooms for the purpose in the State, and those who have this matter in charge will see that nothing is wanting to make it a success.

About forty members of the press arrived here Tuesday, and it is expected that some seventy-five more will arrive here this morning, including a number of visiting editors from other states.

THE PRESS CONVENTION—JULY 8, 1880.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Press Association of North Carolina met in our city on Wednesday of last week, and lasted three days. A more agreeable or successful convention was never held by the Association as regard members present, work done, and the harmony and good feeling prevailing. An interest was manifested in the Association and its objects we have never before witnessed, and we can gladly claim that its powers for good, good to itself and to our dear old State, has received an impetus which must be of decided result, soon.

We were decidedly gratified to have so many of our brethren

in our city not only from the State, but from Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia. Our citizens, who were thoroughly united, and vied with each other in courtesies and attentions to the press, simply maintained their long established reputation for whole-souled hospitality and generous sociability. There never was a more universal effort on the part of a community to entertain guests than was exhibited last week by our citizens. Our hotels, private families, public institutions, mercantile and manufacturing interests, liveries, young ladies and young gentlemen, formed one solid phalanx and marched to the front and maintained their position to the end. And we know we echo the universal sentiment of our brethren of the Association in declaring their greatest satisfaction with and appreciation of the kindnesses received. All will long remember the very successful and happy convention of 1880, in the Western metropolis of North Carolina.

THE PRESS CONVENTION

(From The Asheville Citizen, July 8, 1880).

The Eighth Annual Convention of the N. C. Press Association convened in this place on Wednesday of last week, lasting through Thursday. It was by far the largest assemblage of the "press gang" and the most interesting meeting of the Association ever held in the State, there having been sixty State papers represented by about eighty-five delegates, besides our visiting brethren from other States, with several ladies accompanying the party, the entire number in attendance during the week approximating one hundred. Our citizens generally vied with each other in extending courtesies to them—they were entertained at the hotels, boarding and private houses, and we have heard of no instance where both the entertained and entertainers were not pleased. A goodly number of the party remained over until this week, some of them visiting Warm Springs and other points in this section.

This was the first opportunity many of our brethren from the Eastern portions of the State had ever had of visiting our Mountain home, and we are glad they were enabled to see it under such favorable auspices. We believe their visit here will not only be productive of good to our section in bringing the advantages of our climate and country more thoroughly before our own people of other portions of the State, but that it will more thoroughly unite the people of the two sections of the State—will bring about a better feeling and more thorough harmony between the people of the East and the West, and will enable our Eastern friends to realize the fact that we in truth constitute a portion of the Great State of North Carolina.

THE FIRST DAY

The Convention was called to order at 4 P. M. on Wednesday, by President Dossey Battle, who, in calling the Convention to order, delivered an address in that happy style so peculiarly his

own. Various questions of interest, only to the fraternity, were discussed, several important amendments to the Constitution were made, the committee on legal advertising was continued with enlarged powers, when the Convention adjourned until 10 A. M. Thursday.

An invitation was read from the authorities of the Spartanburg and Asheville and Atlanta Air Line Railroads, tending the courtesies of those roads to the Association to visit Atlanta, but this invitation the Convention felt compelled to decline, tendering their thanks to the officials of the said roads for the courteous invitation.

(The minutes of the Convention will be published in full at an early date, and as the routine business is of interest only to the members of the Association, we content ourselves with only giving the general features of the assembling here.—Editor).

AT NIGHT.

A formal reception was given the gentlemen of the press by the citizens of Asheville at the College Chapel, which had been beautifully decorated and well lighted for the occasion. The hall was filled to the utmost capacity by the ladies and gentlemen of this place, the press being seated upon the rostrum. Gen. Clingman delivered a speech of welcome in behalf of Asheville, and was responded to by Dossey Battle, Esq., President of the Association. During Mr. Battle's remarks he made a most hit (as he is always making) in reply to an allusion of Gen. Clingman's to the general veracity of the press. Mr. Battle said the press differed from George Washington to this extent: George couldn't tell a lie; the press could, but wouldn't.

Major W. H. Malone welcomed the visitors in the name of the press of Asheville. Maj. Malone said:

Gentlemen of the Press:

On this interesting and pleasing occasion I have the honor to represent the Press of Asheville; and in their behalf, I bid you welcome to Asheville—the "City of Hills." In their name I welcome you to Western Carolina; in their name, I welcome you to the "Land of the Skies."

This meeting will mark an era in the history of our State, and commemorate the effort being made to develop its resources. Coming (as most of you did) through the noted Swannanoa Gap, passing through three thousand feet of rockribbed tunnels, you are in the midst of the "Switzerland of America." You are now at the foot of the enchanted Beau-catcher; yonder, Mount Pisgah lifts itself proudly above ten thousand lesser hills; near by is the celebrated Black Mountain, from which Mitchell's peak towers 7,000 feet amid the battlements of heaven. Of this famous peak Goldsmith might well have said:

"It swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm;
Though around its base the storms and clouds are spread;
Eternal sunshine settles upon its head."

Here is the beautiful Swannanoa, long celebrated in song and poetry; there the rugged French Broad rolls, tumbles, dashes over rock, clift and precipice—passing through scenery unsurpassed in loveliness and grandeur.

Look yonder! the grandest panorama of mountains upon the green earth—pile upon pile, range after range, pyramid after pyramid, you behold, until the imagination is lost in the contemplation of the “handy-work of God.” Far beyond these magnificent mountains is a glorious “sun-set.” He goes down amid that illimitable yellow, burning ocean-cloud, from whose bosom is reflected back ten thousand fantastic mountain domes, too grand for the most brilliant imagination; anon, these giant mountains sink into solitude and sleep, to await the morning sun, which will re-illumine and deck their peaks with beauty and glory indescribable. It is to these gorgeous scenes to which we invite you—more enrapturing, more enchanting, than the vision which caught the eye of Moses when, from the top of Mount Pisgah, he beheld the “Promised Land.”

But, we not only invite you to scenes of beauty and grandeur—we invite you to a land of health. The opinion has been ventured that Western North Carolina will become the great Sanitarium of the United States. I believe it. This exhilarating, dry atmosphere, these pure gurgling streams, these richly carpeted landscapes, constitute a fit abode for the seeker after health. Some Oriental nation conceived the idea that the common article of sage possessed inherent life-preserving qualities, and it became an adage “How can a man die in whose garden grows sage?” Here the elements of health may be found everywhere—they are found in our sparkling rivulets which gush from the mountain side, they are found in every passing breeze which percolates their chilly tops, they are found in the cool balmy night breezes which render sleep such happy repose; indeed these beautiful flower-clad landscapes make us forget the troubles of life, while we dream dreams of a bright and happy future. Would it be too fanciful to say, “How can a man die who lives in Western North Carolina?”

But I would disappoint those whom I represent if I did not acknowledge our indebtedness to the press. It has been said that Asheville was the best advertised town in the South; our citizens feel grateful for the good repute which they have borne at your hands. In time past our friends of the East knew more of the mountains of New England, of Italy, and the Continent than of our own mountains west of the Blue Ridge. But now the veritable iron-horse has reached the solitudes of the very State of Buncombe, and today North Carolina is a “united” State. The rail and telegraph have brought us in communion with our brethren of the East and with all the world. For the success of these great enterprises, we owe much to the Press. When mal-administration and official corruption has crept into the high places of the land, a noble army of Quill Drivers was ready to drive the Catalines from power, while the good, the great, and the noble were sustained and encouraged.

We remember, too, some dark days of the past—when the “judiciary had been exhausted,” when constitutional liberty was in jeopardy, when brave men had despaired of their country, when the sacred right of habeas corpus had been trampled under foot by a daring usurpation—then the gallant press of North Carolina, of Georgia, of South Carolina, and of the entire country came to the rescue. They proclaimed in thunder tones the vox populi, and appealed to that august tribunal, the great forum of public opinion, this omnipotent court which has never been exhausted. This high court gave its verdict in favor of constitutional liberty—in this temple of justice stood the editorial fraternity, contending for the right and denouncing the wrong; they constituted the daring vanguard in this great battle, and carried the

flag of our country, upon which was inscribed the words "Constitutional Liberty."

These, these are the battles of the Press—they follow not the booming of cannon, neither do they catch inspiration from the loud roaring of war; they fight the battles of peace, which "hath victories no less renowned than war."

The warrior who leads his millions to the slaughter may have his name and fame perpetuated in bronze or marble—his monument, like the Egyptian pyramid, may defy the touch of time itself. But the press is the great lever with which we move the world; this noble army is scattered everywhere—yonder, in the jungles of Africa; yonder, amid the ice-bergs of a polar sea, upon the banks of the Nile, the Rhine, the Ganges, in every zone in every clime are to be found the daring veterans of the press; and having chained the lighting of heaven to the car of progress, they circumnavigate the globe with the rapidity of thought. And while they may have no marble column to perpetuate their memory, they have a more enduring monument resting in the human heart which will last throughout all time.

It is in view of these wonderful achievements of the press that we so greatly appreciate this gala day and happy reunion. I should not omit to say that we welcome our brethren from the Empire State of Georgia, the home of our Hills and Gordons; we welcome the veterans from the long oppressed Palmetto State, the home of our Butlers and Hamptons; and from the dear old Mother of State on our Northern border. Our troubles have been in common, our sympathies have commingled in all these "scenes which tried men's souls" and today we rejoice at the happy prospect of our common country.

Gentlemen, I feel that a brighter day is about to dawn—old Rip Van Winkle, though slow, is now coming to the front; the East and the West are now bound by hooks of steel, and our commercial and social intercourse will tend to make North Carolina the proudest State in the Union.

Gov. Swain, in one of his last public addresses, said North Carolina had been a good State to move from—that our young men of talent and ambition had followed the "setting sun" and had obtained honor and distinction in other States. But now the tide has chaged, and our young men will mount the flood which, taken at its rise, leads to success. And I anticipate that many of those now gone will hear of our rapid strides of prosperity, and not forgetting the loveliness of these mountains, and being inspired by the revolutionary fame of their ancestors, will return to the homes of their boyhood, and, like William Tell, can exclaim

"Ye crags and peaks,
I am with you, once again."

To the press we look for the realization of our brightest anticipations in regard to the development of our glorious old State. And, in enclusion, allow me to repeat, "The Old North State, God bless her; the Old North State forever."

Capt. Ashe, of the Raleigh Observer, relied in a most happy strain, during which he alluded humorously to the "Buncombe" talking powers of our townsman, Capt. Tom Johnston, whom Capt. Ashe had met in the Legislature. Capt. Tom had to suffer the applause of the audience at this illusion to himself. Rev. Mr. Atkins, of the Asheville Female College, welcomed the press in behalf of the educational interests of Western North Carolina, and

was replied to by Mr. Woodward, of the Wilmington Advance. Mr. Clem Manly, of the Newberne Nut Shell, introduced Col. R. B. Creecy, of the Elizabeth City Economist, who delivered the annual oration, his subject being the "Power of the Press." Col. Creecy is one of the most graceful writers in North Carolina, and his address abounds in much that is not only of interest to the press but to the general public, and we shall hereafter publish it entire.

Mr. C. B. Green, of the Durham Tobacco Plant, introduced in a most appropriate manner the poetess, Mrs. Mary Bayard Clarke, of Newberne, who read a poem prepared for the occasion, which did justice to her well known powers and honored the occasion. (We shall publish it next week).

After this literary feast, the crowd repaired to the large dining room of the Steward's Hall, connected with the College, where the hand of woman, aided by some of our gallant young men, had not only arranged an elegant feast but had beautifully adorned the room. This portion of the evening's entertainment was heartily enjoyed by the crowd that filled the room to its utmost capacity, the only thing to mar the pleasure of the evening being the "crash of matter" occasioned by some of the sills of the floor dropping to the ground, a distance of six inches, a temporary fright resulting, which fortunately ended in no harm to any one, though as Mrs. Clarke puts it in her letter to the Raleigh News, there were several instances of **press-ure** on the part of the gentlemen in their efforts to stop the ladies who were endeavoring to join in what threatened to be a stampede.

THE SECOND DAY

The second day was occupied principally in the discussion of matters of special interest to the craft. A spirit of good feeling pervaded the meeting throughout its different sessions, and it is evident that these annual reunions will be productive in many ways of much good to the press generally of the State, aside from the personal pleasure derived from the commingling together of the brethren and the annual visits to new sections of the State and of becoming better acquainted with the advantages and the wants of the different sections.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Dossey Battle, of the Tarboro Southerner.

Vice-Presidents—C. B. Green, Durham Tobacco Plant; J. W. Goslin, Winston Republican; R. B. Creecy, Elizabeth City Economist.

Secretary and Treasurer—Jordan Stone, Asheville.

Executive Committee—W. A. Davis, H. London, James A. Robinson, C. B. Edwards and J. W. Hooper.

Orator for 1881—Capt. S. A. Ashe, Raleigh Observer.

Poet—Mrs. T. C. Ferebee, of Camden.

Chaplain—Frank H. Wood, Durham Methodist Advance.

On motion, Hon. W. W. Holden was selected as the Historian

of the Press, with the request that he write the history of the press of North Carolina.

Adjourned to meet in Winston, N. C., at such time in 1881 as may be selected by the Executive Committee.

AT NIGHT.

A grand ball was given the press in the Opera House, which was largely attended by the members of the press, citizens and visitors. It was in its every arrangement a happy success, reflecting credit on the labors and energies of the gentlemen and ladies who had charge of the affair.

And thus ended the gathering of the "press gang" in Asheville in 1880.

Our visitors expressed themselves highly pleased with the manner in which they were entertained by our people, and we shall endeavor to reproduce what they shall say of us and of our country.

The following resolutions were adopted by the convention prior to its adjournment on Thursday:

Resolution of Thanks:

The committee appointed to prepare resolutions of thanks to the various persons, parties and corporations who have laid the Press Association of North Carolina under such deep and lasting obligations, beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved: That the thanks of the Association are due to the citizens of Asheville, to the hotels and private families, for the elegant and profuse hospitalities which have greeted them, and attended them through the course of their sojourn in this, the Queen City of the Mountains of North Carolina.

Resolved: That the thanks of the Association are due to Prof. Falke and the ladies assisting him, for the delightful entertainment afforded by their brilliant and beautiful musical exercise.

Resolved: That the thanks of the Association are due to the various railroads, stage and other transportation companies for the facilities soliberally extended to the members of the Association, by which on this, as on past occasions, they have been able to participate with little expense in these pleasant annual gatherings.

Resolved: That the thanks of the Association be extended to its officers for the ability and courtesy with which they have discharged their several duties. And be it further

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Association; and that the Secretary be directed to transmit copies of resolutions applicable to the individual and corporate bodies embraced in the several vote of thanks.

JOHN E. WOODWARD,
J. H. HALLYBURTON,
H. S. BLAIR,

Committee.

THE PRESS CONVENTION

(From The Asheville Citizen, July 8, 1880).

The following gentlemen of the press from sister States were in attendance upon the Press Convention here last week: Col. W. H. Moore, of the Augusta Evening News; Dr. A. Monteiro (ac-

accompanied by his lovely daughter) of the Manchester (Va.) Courier; A. R. Tomlinson, of the Saline Co. Digest, Benton, Ark; C. H. Prince, Merchant and Farmer, Marion, S. C.; F. P. Beard, Kershaw (S. C.) Gazette; R. R. Todd, Anderson (S. C.) Journal; W. G. Whidbee, of the Air Line Headlight and representing the Atlanta Constitution; and Donald McLeod, representing the Norfolk (Va.) Public Ledger; Mrs. Mary Bayard Clarke, of Newberne, Poetess of the occasion, and a correspondent of the Raleigh News, was also our guest during the week. We are glad to know that our visiting friends carried with them favorable impressions of our country and our people.

HISTORY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESS.

July 22, 1880.

Bros. Ashe, Battle and Harper in reply to strictures by our brother James of the Wilmington "Review" upon the action of the Press Convention in unanimously selecting Hon. W. W. Holden to prepare for the next meeting of the Association a history of Journalism in North Carolina, have very properly stated the case, and thoroughly vindicated the wisdom of the Association in its acts. The Durham "Record" (Bro. Cameron) adds these well-timed words:

At the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association at Asheville, it was determined to have read at the next meeting as full and accurate a history of journalism in North Carolina as it was possible to obtain, and W. W. Holden, the former editor of the Raleigh "Standard" was selected as the historian. No better selection could have been made; for Mr. Holden had long experience in his profession, was a close student and keen observer, was devoted to his craft, and is withal an elegant and forcible writer. The Association in selecting him placed itself above plane of political influences, thrusting aside as unworthy associations of the ideas it wished to develop, all those prejudices and acerbities which attached a former and lamentable period of our State History. Impartial reflection must sustain the Association in its liberal action.

Such a history will be of vast interest to the general reader as well as to the professional journalist. A newspaper is diary of current events, and a glance at one of a past era is like letting in a gleam of sunshine into the cavernous darkness of a buried past. Light and life recall to active existence men and events long forgotten or passed from present sympathies. We are brought familiarly along side of men who live in history but whose contemporaneous record is lost. In these old sheets they live again as real beings, not as the mythical or venerable creatures of the page of history.

We have several old papers, single copies or bound in volumes which we find of great interest in the above point of view; the North Carolina Chronicle or Fayetteville Gazette for the year 1790 bound; and a copy of the Raleigh Minerva for 1807, besides

single copies of other old papers; and we infer from them how much pleasure an intelligent history of State journalism would afford.

(From the Salisbury Watchman, July 8, 1880).

The Press Convention met in Asheville Wednesday, June 30, in accordance with an invitation extended by the people of that splendid city. We do not propose to tax the general reader with the business proceedings of the convention, but will only give some impressions of the occasion and the reception and general treatment of the guests by the hospitable citizens of Asheville. Before we had reached our destination we were met by Mr. Nat Atkinson, the first man of Buncombe. He emptied a fine basket into our car, which was a thing to be appreciated. At the terminus of the railroad we were met by stages, hacks, carriages, etc., sent to convey our members to the city, a distance over five miles. In Asheville the Editors (some people call them dead-beats) were kindly taken charge of and conducted to the most pleasant homes of the city. On Wednesday evening a reception supper was attended and a most sumptuous affair it proved to be—enjoyed beyond our power of description. One very curious scene occurred during the evening; one of the handsomest Editors present was so unfortunate as to dip his countenance into the cold sweets of a caucer of cream, to the astonishment and mirth of several fair observers. We suppress his name for the want of space.

On Thursday evening the doors of the opera hall were thrown wide open, and the ball given in honor of the press was a success. It has seldom been our pleasure to witness such a display of beauty and taste as was presented on that occasion. Great thanks are due to the ladies and gentlemen of Asheville for the admirable manner in which everything connected with both the supper and ball was conducted.

Thanks are due Mr. E. J. Holmes for a lot of smoking tobacco and other refreshments tendered us. We must say that his smoking tobacco is put up in the best possible manner and is excellent—not deadened by flavoring matters. His enterprise must succeed—that is if the public care for a pure article put up.

W. T. Blackwell, The Durham Tobacconist of world wide fame, honored the Association with several presents—giving each member a chess board and men, a package of Durham smoking tobacco and a fan to keep cool. A man equipped thus could laze away lots of time. All agreed that the Association had never been better received or better cared for.

Asheville is a delightful spot, the most fashionable and at the same time the most cordial summer retreat we have ever visited.

While writing of all the pleasures and courtesies extended the Press, we do not hesitate to say that we are opposed to this way of accepting invitations and hospitalities from towns, hotels, etc. It would add much to the dignity of the press to dispatch their business and pay for their pleasures as other people do. When

this is done, and the questions which really touch the interests of the Press and the State are discussed, then the Association will be at a proper standard and in keeping with the dignity and responsibility of our profession.

Officers for 1880-81.

Dossey Battle, President.

Jordan Stone, Secretary and Treasurer.

Samuel A. Ashe, Orator.

Meeting of 1881

Held in Winston, June 1881

(From The Asheville Citizen, June 16, 1881).

The Press Convention to be held at Winston next week promises to be a most interesting occasion. Capt. Ashe of the Raleigh News-Observer will deliver the annual address; Hon. W. W. Holden will read a historical sketch of journalism in North Carolina; Col. John D. Cameron of the Durham Recorder will read a paper upon the material development and interests of the State, and Mr. C. W. T. Deake of the Asheville News will read a paper upon the Forests of Western North Carolina. Others may be presented, also. These will be very valuable as well as interesting papers, and will add interest to the occasion. A number would be glad if Bro. Kingsbury could attend and give us a paper upon the great Cape Fear interests and advantages, while Col. Charles R. Jones of Charlotte could give some very interesting statistics upon the mining interests of the Mecklenburg section. We hope to see a full turn out of the brethren.

THE PRESS CONVENTION

July 7, 1881.

One of the most instructive, as well as enjoyable conventions ever held by our State Press Association, met recently in Winston. A new departure in its routine of duties was established, which not only adds to the immediate interest of the meeting, but tends to bring more prominently before our own people and the world the many attractions and resources of the State, and the enterprise of our people, and to suggest the way to new and greater opportunities for public and social improvement.

Every section of the State was represented in the Convention, and a large majority of the press participated in the meeting. We were glad to grasp by the hand old friends, and to welcome to the fraternity late, and most promising additions.

Mr. Battle called the Convention to order and delivered a very neat congratulatory address upon our reunion.

J. C. Buxton, Esq., one of Winston's prominent lawyers, in behalf of the citizens of the two towns of Salem and Winston, delivered an address of welcome to the association, in which he called attention to a few of the prominent points of attraction of the two places, which lend either charm or give prominence to the towns.

Mr. Battle responded happily in behalf of the Association.

The business done, pertaining strictly to the interests of the Association, while interesting and of importance, need not be detailed here. The papers read on the occasion are specially note-

worthy, and cannot fail to give more character to the press, its association and objects, in our State.

Capt. Ashe's annual oration was a valuable contribution to the history of our State. He particularized the different stocks of people from whence have sprung the population of our State, their early habits, locality of settlement, and prominent characteristics.

A very able, instructive and invaluable paper was read by Gov. Holden, giving a History of Journalism in our State, and those connected therewith from the earliest period down to the war. Gov. Holden could not properly have included a later period, for to have done so would have required much said of himself and his connection with journalism in our State. It was a valuable work, well prepared, and we trust as able hands can be called upon to continue the work.

Col. Cameron of the Durham Recorder read a paper upon the material interests and industries of the State, and the relation of the Press thereto, which was not only creditable to him, but abounded in facts and figures of incalculable benefits to press and people. Likewise the admirable papers of Col. Jones of the Charlotte Observer on the Mining Interests of the State, and the paper of Mr. Deake of the Asheville News on the Forests of the State. Col. Jones gave statistics of mining interests which will be as astonishing as gratifying to our people, and Mr. Deake's paper opens up a subject but little thought of, and suggests an industry and opportunity yet to be appreciated and improved by our people.

Such papers are not only edifying and instructive to the members of the press, but tend directly and rapidly to educate our people to appreciate their own advantages, and to the better advertisement of the truly wonderful and greatly varied resources of the State. They are to be published by Col. McGehee of our State Agricultural Department, and should be by all the press of the State. Let us advertise North Carolina—her industries, her resources, and her enterprising men. And such work should be done as a labor of love for our old State and should not be limited by the dollars and cents individuals could, or might, be expected to contribute for such work.

At our next convention, several very valuable papers will be read, all tending to the welfare of our State. The appointments of President Ashe, for this duty, have been made with his usual good judgment, and most creditable articles may be expected.

The election of officers was excellent. The membership increases, interest in the association grows with each meeting, and a spirit of patriotism, of professional friendship, is engendered which cannot be estimated or underrated. We are proud of the press of the State, of its personelle, of its devotion to the State, and its high appreciation of their duties, and opportunities. May it flourish, for the good of all.

Social Enjoyment of the Press.

We now come to do the most agreeable side of our annual

meetings of the Press, that which brings us in social intercourse with each other, and with the community where the convention is held. It is not only a pleasure, but in many ways an advantage, to us at least, to meet, and know our colaborers in Journalism. It gives each a broader sympathy and liberality for the other, a kindlier feeling, a more generous interest not only in the success of the press generally, but in the improvement and growth of each individual paper. And while we may not say ought of those brethren who disdain association with their brethren of the quill, we can and do say those who do attend the conventions become imbued with, and manifest feelings of kindly sympathy for one another, personal and journalistic, which is not exhibited, or specially characteristic of those who stand aloof, and thank their God they are not as other newspaper men are. We love to meet the brethren, love to be with them, and love to be instructed by each association.

Well, to Salem, and Winston. The citizens of these sister towns, with a generous but unostentatious hospitality characteristic of North Carolinians, took possession of the Convention, individually and collectively. The elegant Opera House was at our service, hotels and houses were thrown open, and all made welcome. All was systematically arranged.

The committee of Reception were Messrs. A. B. Gorrell, Dr. J. F. Shaffner, J. W. Goslin and J. A. Robinson.

Committee of Arrangements, Messrs. S. H. Smith, Dr. J. F. Gray, M. W. Norfleet, Maj. T. J. Brown, J. T. Zorn, H. E. Fries, E. A. Everett, G. W. Hinshaw.

Wednesday afternoon, under escort of committees, we were driven to every point of interest in the two cities. The various business establishments we mentioned last week. The Salem Academy, with its beautiful grounds and surroundings, all in the neatest cultivation and arrangement; the Moravian Church, with its ancient and elegant organ, imported nearly one hundred years ago specially for this church, and we believe yet the finest in tone in the State, was an object of special interest to us. Miss Linebeck, the accomplished organist, complimented the association with some of her handsomest selections. The ancient cemetery, and avenue lined with beautiful cedars hauled in wagons from the lower Cape Fear seventy-odd years ago; the old Salem hotel; the quaint residences of an age long ago; all neat as a new pin, the elegant floral garden of Col. Belo, with many other points of equal attraction, were specially charming to and appreciated by us all.

The Winston water-works, the handsome residences, the mammoth business houses, the splendid hotels—Merchant's and Central, the enterprising people, were the attractions of Winston.

Wednesday evening a most enjoyable ball was given at the Salem Hotel, the venerable Mr. Butner proprietor. The ball was splendid in all respects, and enjoyed to a late hour. Winston, Salem, Greensboro, contributed beauty and grace to it.

Thursday evening a great banquet was given by the Business Men of Salem-Winston, at the Merchant's Hotel, Winston. Some three hundred sat down to tables laden with the richest of viands, wines, &c., &c., which were enjoyed, while the air was filled with the strains of sweetest music by two bands. Toasts followed, which called forth appropriate and happy responses. At the banquet, indeed the attentions of the citizens throughout, were worthy the good people of these two towns.

The two hotels—Merchant's and Central—are creditable to the State. Messrs. Pfohl and Stockton, with their accommodating clerk, Mr. East, certainly spared no efforts to entertain well and liberally. Many down easters summer it with these gentlemen and must enjoy their sojourn there.

To these gentlemen and to Mr. Sam Smith, Dr. Gray, Mr. Norfleet, Maj. Brown, Col. Gorrell, Messrs. Fries, Mr. Hinshaw, to Senator Glenn, J. Cam Buxton, Esq., Dr. Bahnson, brothers Goslin, Robinson and Mathes, are we specially indebted for courtesies.

Since meeting with their people, we are not surprised at the attractions, and growth and prosperity of old Salem and young Winston.

MEETING OF THE PRESS

(From The Winston Leader, June 21, 1881).

The North Carolina Press speaks for itself. Like the voice of Nature to the individual who "holds communion with her visible forms," it speaks in various languages." For delinquent subscribers it has a voice of frequent entreaty. It is the barometer of public sentiment; the compass that measures a community's enterprise, and the mirror of mind and matter. The State Press, ever full of Enterprise and up with the Times to Chronicle the News and Observer's progress, has sent out its Messenger, bearing the Torchlight of intelligence, and its courier, armed with a Free Lance keen, to give the Signal in many a Sunny Home in the New North State that every Patriot, every Farmer and Mechanic, every Advocate of American Liberty, every Tobacconist, every Observer, every Reporter, every Recorder, every Examiner, and every Sentinel upon the Watchtower of journalism—At Home and Aroad—would assemble in Winston to Advance the Spirit of the South, make Brief Mention of the Progress of the People's Press and record it in the Journal of Industry with a Falcon pen.

Our brethren will here find many an old Landmark which every true Carolina Watchman will readily see is an Index to our Prosperity. Here the Tobacco Plant is sold and its manufacture is the great Topic of Conversation and every Visitor and North Carolinian that has never been here before. Aurura, in her rose-colored chariot, doesn't scatter flowers around a happier Southern Home, where the Democrat and the Republican walk in peace over the same Battle-Ground. The Sun doesn't shine upon a more prosperous section; therefore the Leader, with the spirit of a true

Southerner and Citizen of our good old commonwealth welcomes to Winston, "the queen city of the western hills," the N. C. State Press Association. The twin towns give its members a cordial greeting, and bids them partake of the manifold blessing which it has pleased a bounteous and lavish nature to bestow upon us. May your stay in our midst be a happy one and may you go back to your Post of duty bearing the Record of pleasure and profit, and may you Ink-quirers of paper under every Lamp Post in your Review of the twin towns.

MEETING OF THE PRESS

(From The Winston Leader, June 28, 1881).

On Tuesday last the 9th annual meeting of the N. C. State Press Association convened in this place, in Brown's Hall. The session was opened with prayer by Dr. G. D. Bernheim, of At Home and Abroad. The President of the Association, Dossey Battle, in his usual brilliant, humorous and happy style, greeted the members upon their 9th reunion and the present prosperous condition of the Press.

Mr. J. C. Buxton delivered an address of welcome on the part of the citizens of our town. He was replied to by the President in behalf of the Association.

The following papers and editors were present:

R. M. Furman and Jordan Stone, Asheville Citizen; Col. R. B. Creecy, Elizabeth City Economist; J. B. Hunter, Roxboro Herald; H. A. London, Pittsboro Chatham Record; Cat. S. A. Ashe, Raleigh News-Observer; Dossey Battle and J. G. Charles, Tarboro Southerner; F. E. Vaughn, E. City Falcon; C. T. C. Deake and W. H. Malone, Asheville News; Geo. S. Bradshaw, Asheboro Courier; J. W. Lancaster and Josephus Daniels, Wilson Advance; T. A. Lyon, Kernersville News; H. S. Nunn and J. W. Harper, Kinston Journal; G. M. Carr, Rose Hill Amateur; J. H. Ennis, Raleigh Farmer; T. B. Eldridge, Graham Gleaner; J. D. Cameron, Durham Recorder; W. W. McDiarmid, Lumberton Robesonian; J. A. Harrell, Weldon R. R. Ticket; J. S. Tomlinson, Hickory Press; W. W. Vandiver, Hendersonville Herald; J. R. Webster, Reidsville Dollar Weekly; J. A. Thomas, Louisburg Times; W. H. Neal and Frank Sandford, Rockingham Pee Dee Bee; J. R. Whichard, Greenville Express; J. W. Albright, wife and daughter, Greensboro Bottle Ground; D. E. Stainback, Enfield Sentinel; Dr. G. D. Bernheim and daughter, Miss Lisette, Wilmington At Home and Abroad; Theo. Hobgood, Toisnot Sunny Home; R. H. Cowan, Wadesboro Anson Times; Robt. McRae, Laurinburg Enterprise; Dr. A. Monterio, Manchester, Va., Courier; and Mr. McLeod, of the Norfolk Ledger, were also in attendance; Mrs. McLaughlin, Salisbury Prohibitionist, and Mrs. M. B. Clark.

Gov. Holden's "History of North Carolina Journalism" was a lengthy paper but full of interest to the profession. The annual oration, by Capt. Ashe on "The People of North Carolina and the duty of the Press toward them," was able, learned and instructive.

The "Material Interests of North Carolina, and the relation of the Press thereto," by Col. Cameron, was a paper of facts and figures on the industries of our State. Col. C. R. Jones' paper on the "Mining Interest of North Carolina" was also a valuable one, and C. T. C. Deake's on "The Forests of North Carolina" was no less so.

Officers elected for the ensuing year:

President—Capt. S. A. Ashe, of Raleigh.

Vice-Presidents—Col. R. B. Creecy, Elizabeth City; G. S. Bradshaw, Asheboro; Capt. J. W. Goslen, Winston.

Secretary and Treasurer—Jordan Stone, Asheville.

Chaplain—Rev. D. G. Barnheim, D. D., Wilmington.

Executive Committee—J. H. Ennis, Raleigh; J. D. Cameron, Durham; H. A. London, Pittsboro; C. T. C. Deake, Asheville; C. R. Jones, Charlotte.

Orator—E. L. C. Ward, Murfreesboro.

Poetess—Miss L. C. Bernheim, Wilmington.

The business of the Association was conducted in a pleasant and harmonious manner. Wednesday evening the Association, in a body, visited the places of interest in the two towns. Thursday night a banquet was given at the Merchant's Hotel, by our manufacturers, business men and citizens. The bill of fare embraced the following:

Fish				
Bonita, with egg sauce				
Removes				
Fillet of Beef, Roast Spring Lamb				
Boeuf a la mode, Aspie of Tongue				
Entres				
Lamb Chops, with green peas, Brichette of Calves' Brains				
Sweetbread, Tomato Sauce; Lamb Fries and Curry				
Broil Spring Chicken, Patties a la Rein; Fried Hard Crabs				
Salads				
Lobster		Crab		Potato
Relishes				
Olives	Chow Chow		Pickles	Sauces
Vegetables				
Tomatoes		Lettuce Saratoga Potatoes		
Pastry				
Eclaires, Meringues, Assorted Cakes				
Dessert				
Vanilla, Orange, Sherbet, Fruits in Season, Oranges,				
Bananas. Roman Punch, Cafe Noir, Iced Tea				

The sentiments proposed and responded to were as follows:

"The Press of North Carolina" responded to by Col. Creecy.

"President Elect," responded to by S. A. Ashe, Esq.

"Secretary," responded to by Jordan Stone, Esq.

"The Press of Salem and Winston," responded to by J. W. Goslen.

"The Mayor of Winston," responded to by A. B. Gorrell.

"The Manufacturing Interests of Salem," responded to by F. Fries.

"The Mayor of Salem," responded to by J. F. Shaffner.

"The Bar of Winston," responded to by Eugene E. Gray, Esq.

"Eastern North Carolina," responded to by P. K. Bryan.

"The Tobacco Interests of Winston," responded to by Maj. T. J. Brown.

"The Relations of Virginia and North Carolina," responded to by Dr. Monteiro.

"Western North Carolina," responded to by C. T. C. Deake.

"Educational Interests of North Carolina," responded to by J. R. Webster.

"Our Commercial Development," responded to by Col. C. R. Jones.

"The Women of North Carolina," responded to by J. B. Hunter.

On Friday morning the Association left us for Morehead City, a special car having been tendered and an invitation from Dr. Blacknall accepted. Every member of the Association left, speaking words of praise, delight and satisfaction at the manner in which they had been treated while in Winston.

EDITORIAL GATHERING

(From the Winston Sentinel, June 23, 1881).

The 8th session of the North Carolina Press Association met here on Tuesday last. The Association was called to order by Dossey Battle, of the Tarboro Southerner, who delivered and eloquent and appropriate address. An address of welcome was delivered by J. C. Buxton, Esq., and responded to by the President of the Association in a few felicitous remarks.

The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

President: S. A. Ashe, Raleigh, N. C.

1st Vice-President: R. B. Creecy, Elizabeth City Economist.

2nd Vice-President: G. S. Bradshaw, Asheboro Courier.

3rd Vice-President: J. W. Goslin, Winston Republican.

Secretary and Treasurer: Jordan Stone, Asheville Citizen.

At night Gov. Holden delivered an exhaustive and interesting history of Journalism in North Carolina.

On Wednesday morning Capt. S. A. Ashe, of the Raleigh Observer, delivered the annual address, which was an historical sketch of the People of the State, its Institutions, Agricultural, and Manufacturing Interests, which was full of valuable and interesting facts.

There are about sixty editors present, but we have been unable to get the names of all for this issue.

Meeting of 1882

Held in Elizabeth City, April 1882

ELIZABETH CITY, APRIL 26, 1882.

Sixty members of the press are present. The editors are much gratified with the fisheries and Avoca and the country. All well.

S. A. A.

Elizabeth City, April 29, 1882.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

(Raleigh News and Observer).

Progress in railroading is not more observable in other departments than in the sensible provision made for night travel. Formerly the traveler sought to pass over the roads by day, stopping over in towns so as to secure a comfortable night's rest. Now the tedium of the journey is relieved by performing it as much as possible at night, the sleeping accommodations on the trains affording comfort and refreshing rest. If any break is to be made on the trip it is now preferable to spend the day in the towns either for purposes of pleasure or business. The old order of things is thus exactly reversed. This was forcibly brought to my mind when, in order to save time, I left Raleigh on Tuesday night on the through freight of the Raleigh and Gaston road, and after a pleasant and agreeable night's travel found myself at 9 o'clock in Norfolk, fresh as a lark, ready for the departure of the Elizabeth City train. The sleeping accommodations were all that a reasonable man could desire and the grateful traveler, we doubt not, has often felt thankful to Major Winder for inaugurating this change. The new road from Norfolk to this place, now completed to Edenton, appears to be in very excellent order and passes through such a fertile section that one readily sees how it has contrived to pay well from the start. It is flanked on either side between here and Norfolk by an almost continuous clearing, which often extends to a very considerable distance from the road bed.

Indeed, it, needed no great foresight to see that the work would be remunerative, and the wonder is that the road was not built long ago. Without doubt it will be a handsome investment to the capitalists who own it. The cleared fields adjacent to the line are rich, seem to give evidence of good culture, and ought to be very valuable. What appears to be lacking is a system of under drainage and farm machinery. The land is entirely level, and the older clearings are free from stumps. Under drainage, gang plows and other machinery now in common use in the flat regions of the west would enable the farmer to dispense with many laborers and render his farm much more profitable and valuable. It will come in time. Old methods must necessarily give place to the

new when the new are so successful in other regions.

About fifty editors came down the Blackwater on Monday, some stopping at Avoca as the guests of Dr. Capehart and his father, and others passing on to Edenton. They had the pleasure and promise of seeing the work at the State fish hatchery, which is represented to be in fine condition and eminently successful; and also to witness the *modus operandi* of catching immense quantities of fish with long seines worked by steam. They visited Capehart's fine fisheries, and the equally extensive ones of Mr. Wood and Mr. W. H. Page. This peculiar industry, so remunerative to the owners and profitable to the State, was something entirely new to most of the party. They work night and day except a "scant Sunday," and the result must reach between five and ten millions for the season at each fishery. At all places the catch was excellent, being the best this season. Some of the western editors were greatly astonished to see sixty thousand fish hauled in at one time, and the result of the catch piled up like great long and high piles of corn after a tremendous "shucking." They thought it looked as if "there were millions in it." The quantity of fish in the water has not yet been appreciably increased by the artificial hatching operation, but the time for the increase to become apparent has hardly arrived yet.

On yesterday about noon we reached this town so famed for hospitality, for the loveliness of its fair women and the spirit and intelligence of its men, and after some hand-shaking looked over the place.

The association met last night at the opera house, a neat and comfortable building, admirably arranged for its purpose, with scenery and all that. A larger number of the papers are represented than ever before. Mr. Walter Poole, on behalf of the citizens, extended a cordial greeting to the association in a very felicitous speech, whose effect was heightened by the charm of his oratorical gifts. Graceful and easy in delivery and happy in conception and expression, Mr. Poole is justly esteemed as a delightful speaker. It fell to the lot of the president of the association to make the response.

Col. Charles Jones then read a poem of thirty stanzas from the pen of Miss Lizette Bernheim, which was received by the audience with many expressions of appreciation. Miss Bernheim's poetic taste and rhythmic powers are all well known to the readers of *At Home and Abroad*, and the high expectations we had formed were fully sustained by this pleasant *jeu d'esprit*.

Mr. Ward, the editor of the *Edenton Enquirer*, then delivered the annual address, which gave very great satisfaction to the audience and to the association. His subject was "Turn On the Light," and he handled it in a way that was both interesting and instructive. The central idea was that great men are beacons reflecting the light with which the creator of the universe had endowed them. But we would certainly do him an injustice to attempt a synopsis of his address in a hasty letter.

At the morning session, Col. Cameron put in nomination for president for the ensuing year Capt. Ashe, who, desiring to retire, placed in nomination Col. R. B. Creecy, who declined. Mr. Ward nominated Mr. G. S. Bradshaw, who was unanimously elected. Col. Creecy, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Goslin were chosen vice-presidents; Mr. Stone secretary and treasurer; Mr. Vaughn assistant secretary. The following executive committee was elected: Messrs. Ashe, London, Bruner, Robinson and Deake. Mr. London was chosen orator and Miss Rebecca Cameron was requested to contribute a poem at the next meeting. Col. Creecy read an instructive article on the North Carolina fisheries. Other papers will be read this evening.

It is announced that there will be a ball tonight, at which the unmarried members of the fraternity will find an opportunity to display their proficiency in the art of being fascinating and agreeable. The young ladies here appear to possess such bewitching ways that we doubt not some of the "stars" of the press will hereafter shine by only reflected light. But of that anon.

The city of Elizabeth is beautifully situated on a bend of the wide and deep Pasquotank, and gives token of quickened life and hope of substantial growth. A new court house is in progress of construction and we note life and energy at all points. It has its telegraph line and rail road, and its steamboats plying the waters of the sound, and is progressive and progressing.

A test of the advancing energies of a community is always to be found in its hotels and accommodation for the traveling public. In this regard Elizabeth City holds a proud head. The Albemarle House, kept by Capt. Dillon and his courteous assistants, affords agreeable entertainment for the traveler. In my own case my lines have certainly fallen in a pleasant place, as a more luxurious and tasteful chamber than that in which I write seldom falls to the lot of an appreciative guest. We leave here tomorrow morning. All well.

S. A. A.

April 30, 1882.

The Norfolk editors invited the North Carolina Press Association to stop over in that city. Some were able to do so, but others of us regretted our inability to protract our absence from the sanctum, and were obliged to forego the pleasure. We'll bear it in mind, however, and treasure it up against our Norfolk friends, and on some occasion when they are least expecting it, they will have cause to remember it.

The Press Association adopted resolutions of thanks to the various railroad and steamboat lines that courteously extended them free transportation to Elizabeth City.

The meeting of the North Carolina Press Association at this charming town has been productive of naught but pleasure. The

rare hospitality for which this fair and fertile section of our State is justly famed has been happily illustrated during the stay of the editors here. Last night the citizens crowned their other courtesies and honors by a grand ball and banquet in honor of the Press Association. It was given at the Albemarle House, the ball room of that hostelry being elaborately decorated with flags and flowers for the occasion. The attendance was large and the quiet elegance of the affair showed the taste of those who in tendering so graceful a crowning compliment manifested their appreciation of "The Press." The ladies looked charming, and their toilettes, elegant and appropriate, were worn with infinite grace. Stately matrons and youthful belles alike attracted attention by beauty of face, figure and costume, but the reporter whose pencil is powerless to describe the scene, can only leave the two former charms to the imagination, while he but faintly describes "what they all wore."

The executive committee, under the management of Mr. P. R. Dashiell, have cause to feel very complacent over the result of their labors. The dance continued through the wee sma' hours, and it was nearing daybreak when the young men and maidens withdrew, carrying with them many memories of a most delightful and charming entertainment. Of such is life.

Meeting of 1883

Held in Waynesville, July 1883

(From The Asheville Citizen, May 31, 1883).

The Convention of the North Carolina Press Association, which convenes at Waynesville White Sulphur Springs on Tuesday, 3rd day of July, promises to become the most interesting and pleasurable yet held. The attendance will be larger than usual, besides we will have the company of the South Carolina Press Association, which will add greatly to the occasion.

Papers upon important subjects will be read, and in addition, the Association has been promised an address by Hon. Montford McGehee, Commissioner of Agriculture, which we are sure, will be a most important as well as interesting feature. Mr. McGehee is one of the most accomplished scholars, and graceful speakers, in the State, thoroughly devoted to the Department which is accomplishing so much for the State, and avails himself of the invitation to address the Press Convention with a view to more thoroughly arousing the active sympathy and cooperation of the press in all efforts looking to the development of the State. It is proposed that Mr. McGehee deliver his address on the 4th, and that the farmers of Haywood will attend. This will certainly be agreeable to the Association and Mr. McGehee, and we trust will be done. Let the farmers and their families not only be out in full force, but we would suggest they bring good samples of farm products, such as they can, to let the editors and the Commissioner see what old Haywood can do. Our mountain section will be a new world to many of the attendants, but we wish them to see some of the good and practicable, and profitable uses to which this grand section is and can be put.

An entertainment will be given the Association at Asheville on Friday evening, and on Saturday an excursion to the Warm Springs. The brethren may be assured of unbounded hospitality.

ASHEVILLE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE PRESS.

(Asheville Citizen)

Arrangements have been completed for the entertainment of the North and South Carolina Press Associations in this place on Friday, the 6th of July. The South Carolina Press will reach here Friday morning and the N. C. Press will that evening return from Waynesville. Drives will be given the party that afternoon, and at night a supper will be given by the Asheville Board of Trade. Saturday morning our guests will embark for the Warm Springs, where they will be handsomely entertained by Mr. Gudger of the Warm Springs Hotel.

We publish the committees who will represent Asheville on the occasion of the visit of these gentlemen here:

Committee of Arrangements: Jordan Stone, Hyman H. Lyons, Richmond Pearson.

Committee of Reception: Hon. Virgil S. Lusk, Chairman, W. T. Penniman, J. E. Rankin, R. M. Furman, J. D. Cameron, T. I. VanGilder, C. E. Graham, E. I. Holmes, J. H. Carter, M. J. Jordan, J. E. Ray, J. A. Porter, J. A. Clark, J. H. Merrimon, T. F. Davidson, E. Randolph Curtis, J. G. Martin, W. G. Gwyn, R.

N. Rawls, R. N. Carrington, T. W. Patton, C. M. McLeod, R. W. Pulliam, J. P. Sawyer, D. C. Waddell, C. T. C. Deake, Johnstone Jones, S. R. Kepler, Waldo Ballard, S. D. Pelham, G. S. Powell, N. W. Girdwood, H. B. Carter, A. J. Lyman, T. B. Lyman, F. A. Sondly, C. A. Moore, Henry Redwood, S. Whitlock.

Special Committee for the Banquet: J. G. Martin, G. S. Powell, F. R. Curtis, Henry Redwood, A. J. Lyman, W. T. Penningman, R. M. Furman, J. A. Clark.

The following from the Winston Republican appears in the Asheville Citizen, June 30, 1883: "The 11th annual meeting of the N. C. Press Association will be held Tuesday, July 3rd, at Waynesville White Sulphur Springs, Haywood County. There are a class of editors who assume to hold themselves above the Association and never fail to speak disparagingly of its meetings when referring to them all. We know the Association is not what it ought to be. What association is? But we are of those who believe these annual meetings have done and are still doing good. Year by year business takes higher rank in them, and even now, with a majority of members, mere pleasure seeking in our opinion is a secondary consideration. Our State press is to a gratifying extent, free from bitter personalities, uniformly courteous to each other, and, in point of ability, energy and legitimate business zeal, will compare favorably with that of any Southern State. In our annual re-unions let us still more make them occasions for business and journalism a profession, rather than, as is too often the case, a convenience; or worse yet, a machine."

The Southern World has the following paragraph: "Miss Rebecca Cameron, of North Carolina, is one of the old North State's most lovely daughters, and one of the South's sweetest poets. Her poem in this issue, 'A Nut Brown Eye,' is a perfect gem. Miss Cameron was last year elected 'Poetess for 1883' of the North Carolina Press Association; and we hear that her poem has been forwarded to the Secretary to be read at the approaching State Convention, at Haywood White Sulphur Springs, on which occasion a large delegation of South Carolina, and Tennessee journalists, including a number of ladies, will participate, we understand.

MEETING OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA

(From The Asheville Citizen of July 12, 1883).

The annual meeting of the association held at Waynesville during this week, and continued today in its more pleasurable form at Asheville, will long be regarded as one of the most delightful of the many pleasant reunions the association has enjoyed. Returning at a late hour on Thursday afternoon, and going to press on Friday, we are compelled in this issue a sketch more brief of the transactions than our inclinations prompt. In our next issue we will fill up some gaps or blanks necessarily left now.

Leaving the Pigeon River, the party, numbering about 75 individuals, including several ladies, were stowed away as most

conveniently and comfortably as could be done in all manner of vehicles, omnibusses, bretts, phaetons, Concord wagons, &c., forming a long lively procession, rattling along in merry gait over hill and valley, and shrouding itself in a pall of dust which stifled the romance of not a few, and almost suffocated the ardor of the admiration which the beauty of the scenery was so apt to enkindle. But the troubles came to an end; and quartered in the hospitable homes of Waynesville, or, as was the good fortune of some of us, to alight on the green turf and under the grateful shades of the grounds around the Springs, the discomforts of the ride were soon forgotten—save by two disconsolate ladies of our party who had lost sight of their trunks, and who had to repent in sackcloth and ashes, or rather in dust begrimed traveling garbs, their misfortune or their carelessness.

Tuesday evening was given to rest and enjoyment of the delicious coolness of the evening air which came as grateful compensation for the torrid heat of the day.

Wednesday morning the association met in the Academy in the town of Waynesville, and was called to order by its President, Mr. G. S. Bradshaw. The following papers were found to be represented:

Alamance Gleaner, J. D. Kernodle; Anson Times, R. H. Cowan; Asheville Citizen, R. M. Furman and Jno. D. Cameron; Asheville News, W. W. McLaughlin; Asheboro Courier, Geo. S. Bradshaw; Albemarle Enquirer, E. L. C. Ward; Blue Ridge Enterprise, A. F. Clark; Bakersville Mountain Voice, S. Worthen; Chi Phi Quarterly, Trinity College, J. D. Hodges; Charlotte Observer, C. R. Jones; Charlotte At Home and Abroad, Miss Lisette Bernheim; Clayton Bud, N. R. Richardson; Chatham Record, H. A. London; Davidson Dispatch, T. B. Eldridge; Durham Recorder, E. C. Hackney; Elizabeth City Economist, R. B. Creecy, and D. C. Winston; Elizabeth City Falcon, Frank Vaughn and E. F. Lamb; Elizabeth City Carolinian, Dr. Palemon John; Educational Journal, Chapel Hill, W. W. Vandiver; Goldsboro Methodist Advance, R. E. Blakey; Greenville Reflector, D. J. Wichard; Henderson Gold Leaf, T. R. Manning; Hickory Press, R. K. Bryan; Kinston Free Press, C. C. Daniels; Kernersville News, T. A. Lyon; Louisburg Times, J. A. Thomas; Laurinburg Exchange, J. D. Bundy; Monroe Enquirer and Express, W. J. Bovlin; Monroe Literary World, Dr. J. Davis; Morganton Mountaineer, W. C. Ervin; Montgomery Star, W. C. Douglass; Newton Enterprise, F. M. Williams; Oxford Torchlight, W. A. Davis and Nat Gregory; Pittsboro Church Messenger, C. B. Denson; Pittsburg Argus, L. B. Chapin; Raleigh News-Observer, S. A. Ashe; Raleigh N. C. Teacher, E. G. Harrell; Raleigh, N. C., Farmer, P. C. Ennis; Raleigh Biblical Recorder, C. B. Edwards; Richmond Rocket, E. D. Cameron; Roanoke News, A. T. Zollicoffer; Rockingham Spirit of the South, D. Stewart; Rocky Mountain Reporter, W. G. Fitzgerald and G. P. Hort; Salisbury Home Magazine, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McLaughlin; Scotland Neck Commonwealth, E. E. Hilliard; Tarboro Guide, C. F. Willis

and Dossey Battle; Tarboro Southerner, Frank Powell; Trinity Magazine, E. F. Finch; Toisnot Sunny Home, Theo and Jas. Hobgood; Warrenton Gazette, H. A. Foote; Wilson Advance, Josephus Daniels; Wilson Siftings, D. S. Carroway and Mr. Lipscomb; Winston Leader, J. A. Robbison; Warrenton Home Journal, J. W. Hicks; Wake Forest Student, T. J. Simmons; Winston Sentinel, E. A. Oldham; Washington Watchtower. Joseph Bell; Washington Gazette, Jno. H. Small.

Then, on behalf of the citizens of Waynesville, its worthy mayor, Mr. Ferguson, extended to it a welcome which spoke his own heart and the heart of his fellow citizens. It was cordial, unaffected, animated, and like whatever is spoken with earnest truth and sincerity, was eloquent. We will publish the welcome in our next issue.

On behalf of the association, Mr. Bradshaw responded handsomely; and with ready words and happy phrase, conveyed to our hosts the grateful sense of our appreciation of such distinguished honor, and such unaffected friendship.

The Association then went into the regular business of the day, the first business being the election of officers. Ballotings were had for President, resulting in the election of Henry A. London of the Pittsboro Record as President for the ensuing year. Mr. James A. Robinson, of the Winston Leader, was elected First Vice-President, Mr. Palemon John of the Elizabeth City North Carolinian, second, and Mr. Josephus Daniels of the Wilson Advance, third. Mr. Jordan Stone of the Asheville Citizen was unanimously reelected Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. Frank Vaughan of the Elizabeth City Falcon, Assistant Secretary. Messrs. S. A. Ashe, H. A. Foote, Jas. H. Ennis, E. A. Oldham, and E. C. Hackney were elected as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year. Mr. G. S. Bradshaw of the Asheboro Courier was elected the orator for the next meeting of the Association, and Mr. Theo. H. Hill, of Raleigh, poet.

The meeting of the Association being attended by a very considerable number of the citizens of Waynesville and of the county of Haywood, and the Commissioner of Agriculture being present, it was deemed an opportune moment that a gentleman so distinguished, so full of information, so cultivated, and so eloquent, should be heard, and he was invited to an expression of his views. He was introduced to the audience in a happy manner by Mr. London, and then entered upon a speech of great power and much eloquence of half an hour's length. It is to be regretted that Mr. McGeehee's voice, affected by the dust and fatigue, was not powerful enough to impress itself upon all of his hearers; but those who were fortunate enough to retain the continuity of his remarks enjoyed a rare intellectual repast. Appearing as he did before two bodies as it were, the representatives of the press and the representations of agricultural industry he had something appropriate to both audiences. We have never heard a more splendid tribute paid to the power of the press, more apt illustration of its

service in the cause of constitutional right, or more severe condemnation of the abuse of its prerogatives than fell from the lips of the speaker.

His tribute also adds to the magnificent wealth of the fertile section upon the soil of which he stood, rich beyond comparison, in all the elements that may make a people rich, prosperous and happy, was equalled by the bold candor with which he exposed the shortcomings of those in possession of such gifts of nature without yet having applied or appreciated them as they ought to do. But the increasing debility of Mr. McGeehee and the lateness of the hour compelled him to close, after deeply interesting his hearers for somewhat more than half an hour.

THE DINNER

An elaborate entertainment had been prepared by the citizens of Waynesville under the supervision of Messrs. Goode and Norvell of the National Hotel, a work of love for them as well as for many fair hands who strove to do the highest honors to their guests. At 2 o'clock, the announcement was made, and the spacious dining room was soon filled, the ladies of the party, chaperoned by the ladies of Waynesville, partaking in equal share in the honors and pleasures of the very bountiful and handsome dinner, elegant in its appointments, varied in its composition, and complete in its preparation. One of the pleasant features in this repast was the hospitable spirit which so animated our entertainers, that ladies, gentlemen and pretty little girls assumed the part of waiters and in connection with a regular corps, pressed their attentions with active zeal and supplied the wants of all with eager hand and flying feet. It was a handsome dinner, handsomely and most liberally gotten up, and made doubly appreciable by the earnest sincerity and hearty hospitality with which it was served.

After dinner, the association reassembled for the transaction of business. Among the resolutions adopted was one, which, while gratefully acknowledging the past courtesies and generosity of the communities who have annually vied with each other for the honor of entertaining the association, declared that the members of the Association shall, hereafter pay their individual expenses at the points of entertainment, thereby securing independence of action in selecting places of meeting as well as other advantages not necessary to name.

At 9 o'clock p. m., the association again met. The Poem, by Miss Rebecca Cameron of Hillsboro was read by Col. Charles R. Jones in a clear voice and spirited manner. It was heard with profound pleasure. The verses were smooth and musical, animated, poetical in sentiment, wise in counsel, suggestive in thought, full of profound good sense, and full of apposite illustration. We will publish them next week.

Mr. H. A. London followed with the annual oration. Space permits us only to say that a fine subject, the contrast between past and present, was finely presented with abundance of judicious and

pointed illustration, was adorned with great elegance of language, and was rendered in masterly style of declamation, graceful, animated and impressive. Mr. London won distinguished honors.

We left before the elegant dinner at the Springs on Thursday came off, and missed the entertainment that same evening at the same delightful place. We will speak of these things hereafter.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION

Representatives of this association, accompanied by a party of ladies, the whole number being about forty, reached Asheville on schedule time on the Friday morning train, and were met at the depot by a committee of reception and properly assigned. We welcome our brethren of the press of our sister State, with unaffected sincerity, and the feelings of the press goes with the cordial sentiment of the citizens of Asheville. Below we give the names of the party, ladies and gentlemen:

Laurensville Herald, T. B. Crews and wife; Abbeville Medium, R. R. Hemphill and daughter; Greenville Baptist Courier, James A. Hoyt and wife; Camden Gazette, F. P. Beard and wife; Marion Star, W. J. McKerral and Miss Maggie McKerral; Murion Merchant and Farmer, J. D. McLucas and son; Charleston Deutsche Zeitung, F. Melchus and Miss Sallie Melchus; Anderson Journal, A. S. Todd, Miss Mamie Todd and Miss Lou Chamber; Yorkville Enquirer, L. M. Grist; Abbeville Press and Banner, Hugh Wilson and Miss Bagby; Greenville Enterprise and Mountaineer, J. C. Bailey and Miss Bailey; Florence Times, E. H. Prince and Miss Prince; Camden Journal, T. H. Clark and wife; Aiken Journal and Review, S. C. Ligon; Christian Neighbor, Rev. S. H. Browne; Marlboro Monitor, W. L. Thomas and Miss Townsend and Miss Breeden; Aiken Recorder, C. E. R. Drayton; Marion Index, W. J. Montgomery and wife and Miss Stackhouse; C. H. Tileston, of the Campbell Press; The South, R. T. Gaines; Aiken Journal and Review, W. M. Hutson.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

At nine o'clock the convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Foote offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered Hon. Wharton J. Green, so distinguished for his hospitality, for his kind invitation to visit him at this country seat, accompanied as it was by the choicest wines, which added so much to the pleasure of the members of this association. Adopted.

Mr. Lyon offered the following:

Believing as we do that the influence of the press in building up industries, in encouraging immigration and promoting the general welfare of a people is most effective, therefore

Resolved, That every member of this association forward to Dr. H. L. McFayden, Waynesville, N. C., copies of their papers can be compiled by him in pamphlet form and used by the citizens for taining articles relative to this place and surrounding country, to the further advancement of this grand and attractive town and section. Adopted.

Col. C. R. Jones offered resolutions relative to the construction

and completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad. After discussion, referred to Messrs. Ashe, John, and Denson.

COL. CAMERON'S ADDRESS

Col. Cameron delivered an address upon "Antiquities of Western North Carolina." The argument based upon the existence of mounds, ancient mica workings, and other pre-historic remains, was that this Western part of North Carolina assumed to have been a virgin wilderness at the time of the discovery of America and peopled only by wandering tribes of savages, had been at a very early period in human annals a densely peopled empire, covering a larger portion of the North American Continent, utterly vanished long before the modern American Indian came on the stage.

The secretary read an invitation from Messrs. Timberlake and Reade, proprietors of the Waynesville White Sulphur Springs Hotel, to the association to partake of a banquet at the hotel this afternoon, and attend a musicale and readings in the evening. Accepted.

MR. OLDHAM'S ADDRESS

Mr. Ed. A. Oldham addressed the association upon "The Material Progress of North Carolina." The address abounded in statistics, of the improvements within the past few years, of the investment of capital in various industries, the extension of railroads, and other important features denoting a rapid advancement of the State.

The Committee on Memorials, submitted through its chairman, Mr. Josephus Daniels, a report upon the death of Mr. J. W. Harper of the Newberne Journal. It was unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the journal.

Col. Creecy submitted a very touching tribute to the late C. N. B. Evans, of the Milton Chronicle.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolutions relative to the Western North Carolina Railroad, through Capt. Ashe, chairman, submitted a report in the following resolution:

That we, feeling a lively interest individually and collectively in whatever pertains to the welfare and development of North Carolina view with pleasure the progress of the construction of the Western North Carolina Railroad in overcoming great natural obstacles heretofore deemed almost insurmountable.

That on this the first occasion that representatives from every section of North Carolina have assembled in convention at any point in her domain west of Asheville we congratulate the citizens of the far west upon the inauguration of close and familiar intercourse with their brethren of the east and upon the facilities now opening for ready transportation to the markets of the world so long hoped for and soon happily to be speedily accomplished, and speaking for the other portions of the State, join in expressing our ardent hope that these new facilities will create new ties between the east and the west and strengthen the bonds of affection among brethren whose memorable history and glorious destiny are indissolubly linked together.

That what we have seen of this deeply interesting and truly

magnificent division of the commonwealth of North Carolina, with its lofty mountains, majestic forests, fertile fields and sparkling streams, the great casket which encloses bounteous treasures of nature's gifts; and the reception we have enjoyed from its sterling people noted as they have been for their warmth of heart no less than vigor of intellect, inspires us with renewed patriotism and devotion to the common good of our beloved State. Adopted.

A valuable essay upon the interesting subject of grape culture in the State was presented by Mr. R. K. Bryan, but read with pleasing effect by Mr. W. C. Ervin at Mr. B's request. It gave much information and elicited much interest.

Mr. Eldridge submitted the following: That in order to perpetuate the memory of deceased members of this association, the President shall, upon the death of any member designate some person to prepare a brief sketch of the life of the deceased brother, with appropriate resolutions to be reported to the association at the annual session next following. Adopted.

Mr. Cowan offered the following:

Whereas, the papers of North Carolina are frequently made the victims of advertising firms and agencies whose financial character is unknown,

Resolved. That for our mutual interest and protection, each editor of the association be requested to publish such firms or agencies as frauds as soon as sufficient evidence may come to their knowledge. Adopted.

Col. C. R. Jones offered the following:

Whereas, the members of our State legislature for many years have been inclined to cultivate public favor, rather to the passage of a dog law for the protection of sheep husbandry. and

Whereas, with the growing and progressive spirit of the people of the State such a law is absolutely necessary, therefore,

Resolved, That the press will use its endeavors to so arouse the people of the State upon this important matter as will secure such legislation as may tend best to the encouragement and protection of sheep husbandry. Adopted.

The following was submitted:

Resolved, That the press association tenders its sincere thanks to the Norfolk and Southern, Seaboard and Roanoke, Wilmington and Weldon, Raleigh and Gaston, Raleigh and Augusta, Carolina Central, North Carolina and Western North Carolina railroad companies for their generous courtesies for this and other meetings of the association, and assure them individually and collectively of our full appreciation of them all.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Waynesville, to the proprietors of the White Sulphur Springs Hotel, and the citizens of Haywood for their lavish hospitality, so heartily tendered and their courtesies so liberally and constantly bestowed. Adopted by a rising vote.

The association then adjourned informally to meet subsequently at the Warm Springs.

AT THE WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

The Association assembled at this elegant hotel at 4 P. M., and at 5, were called to the spacious dining-room to partake of the banquet tendered by the hospitable proprietors, Messrs. Timberlake and Reade. In addition to the members of the press, a large number of citizens of Waynesville were also present. The spacious

dining room was elegantly ornamented with the bountiful shrubs and flowers which nature so lavishly affords to adorn the mountains and vales surrounding the springs.

The dinner was superb, and superbly served. The bill of fare was sumptuous throughout, and establishes the reputation of the proprietors as accomplished caterers. At night a concert, consisting of elegantly rendered music by some ladies, several capital recitations by Prof. Wiloughby Reade, and a recitation by Miss Welch which provoked special admiration. One of the happiest incidents of the occasion was the poetic welcome gracefully rendered by Prof. R. as an adept in the uses of the beautiful in thought and expression. The whole entertainment was superior and most heartily enjoyed.

Friday morning the association left for Asheville, with profound feelings of admiration for Waynesville, its surroundings and people.

There are many other incidents which we must allude to hereafter. But the visit to Haywood county will long be remembered by the North Carolina Press Association.

Messrs. Smathers and Penland, who contracted for transportation from Pigeon to Waynesville and return, deserve the thanks of the association for their promptness, courtesies, and comfortable accommodations.

FRIDAY MORNING

As mentioned in our last issue the South Carolina delegation numbering forty, including ladies, were met at the depot by a committee, taken an charge, and assigned to the Swannanoa and Eagle Hotels. After the fatigues of their long night ride they were suffered to dispose of their own time until the hour of half past three, when a long line of vehicles drew up in front of the hotels, and our guests were taken to Connally's View and other points of interest. Then the ladies of the party were considerably returned to the hotel; while the gentlemen with an ampler escort of citizens of Asheville continued their drive beyond the French Broad to Clayton's, at the railroad crossing, at which point the North Carolina party left the return train from Pigeon river. Here a large collection of vehicles was in waiting, and the united parties rattled away over a beautiful road to Richmond Hill. Entering these magnificent grounds, where nature still holds sway among forest and hill and dell, while art shows its presence only by beautifully graded winding roads and grass covered hills, the long line swept along under grateful shades down to the secluded paradise in which the host of the occasion hides himself from the outside world. A retreat more sweet it is hard to imagine. Deep down under the hills, shadowed with the natural forest, adorned with rich masses of rhododendron growing upon its native soil and shadowing sparkling rivulets, the gleam of whose bright waters lit up the shades with glancing flashes through the foliage, the music of the waters, the spray of the playing fountains, the rich

parterres of glowing flowers, the sloping banks of emerald turf and deep ensconced within the midst, the modest, yet elegant, cottage of the munificent entertainer. Here the heart and soul of Richmond Pearson found its full expansion. But why say more of a repast, spread with hearty liberality, enjoyed with reciprocal cordiality, made doubly enjoyable from the romantic and picturesque surroundings, and which animation was imparted by copious libations of foaming champagne?

And then the parties remounted, and in long circuitous ascent were driven to the top of beautiful Richmond Hill, and revelled in the glories of a landscape almost without a rival in a region rich in picturesque beauty; a landscape beautiful, not bold, expansive, comprehensive, with mountains softened by distance into tender coloring, with verdant valley, warm in its hues of green and gold, with winding river, broken by projecting hill in charming lakelets, with distant town and bridge and hum of far off human life and action, and close around the swelling hill and noble forest and verdant grass. It was a picture that swelled every heart with glad emotion and filled the ideal of what the soil might exact from nature. Returning thence to Asheville the party awaited the hour which was to summon it to the most momentous hour of its duties.

THE BANQUET IN ASHEVILLE

Friday evening, the Press Association of the Carolinas, with other invited guests, accompanied by the Board of Trade and citizens of Asheville, repaired to the spacious Farmers' Warehouse, on Main street, to partake of a banquet given by the Asheville Board of Trade. The management of the banquet was entrusted to Mr. R. J. Wilson of the Grand Central Hotel. The arrangement of the tables was admirable, and when the guests were all seated, presented an attractive appearance. Richmond Pearson, Esq., President of the Board of Trade, presided. On his right sat F. B. Crews, Esq., President of the S. C. Press Association, and on his left J. A. London, Esq., President of the N. C. Press Association. Then came Hon. V. S. Lusk, Mayor of Asheville, Senator Z. B. Vance, and other officers of the S. C. and N. C. Press Association.

After the substantial feature of the supper had been disposed of, and the wines, punches, etc., began to flow, "a feast of reason" was introduced by Mr. Pearson, in an elegant and eloquent address of welcome to the Press of the Carolinas, concluding his address with a toast to the Associations. Mr. T. H. Clark, of the Camden, S. C., Journal, responded in behalf of the S. C. Press Association, and H. A. London, Esq., of the Charlotte N. C. Record in behalf of the N. C. Press. Toasts then followed, in order named, announced by Mayor Lusk:

The Carolinas: Historically one in origin, may their people always remember that their interests and their affections have still a common centre. Responded to by W. J. Montgomery, Esq., of the Marion, S. C., Index.

Our Mountains: Hail to the highlands, the land of bright waters.

Land of the mountain, the cliff, and the dell; Health to their sons, and long life to their daughters, peace to the Homes where the mountaineers dwell. Responded to by Senator Z. B. Vance.

South Carolina: Renowned for her statesmen, her soldiers and her orators, always a resplendent star in the glorious galaxy of States. Responded to by C. E. R. Drayton, of the Aiken, S. C., Recorder.

Our Country: Once again united, let it be our aim to perpetuate its unity and magnify its powers. Responded to by Capt. E. R. Stumps of Raleigh. Letters of Gov. Thompson of South Carolina and Gov. Jarvis of North Carolina, were read, conveying regrets at not being able to be present on this occasion, and expressing sentiments of high regard for the press and people of the two States, and of the city of Asheville. H. A. London proposed the following toast:

Asheville: "The queen city of the West." May its prosperity continue to keep pace with the enterprise and hospitality of its citizens. Responded to by Hon. V. S. Lusk, Mayor. (The reply of Mr. Lusk was an admirable presentation of the growth, advantages and attractions of Asheville, given with statistical minuteness. The substance of his remarks will be given hereafter.) At the conclusion of the banquet, the party repaired to the ball room of the Swannanoa Hotel, in response to an invitation of the hospitable proprietor, Dr. Howerton, where all who desired to do so, entered upon the enjoyment of the "light fantastic."

The Warm Springs Trip. "All aboard" was the cry at half past 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and the North and South Carolina delegations with the ladies of their respective parties found themselves seated on the cars for the Warm Springs, the observation car offering the most coveted seats. There was a little delay in getting off owing to the necessity of waiting for orders for the attachment of another car, for on this road everything is carried out strictly according to rule. At length everything was adjusted and the train flew down the beautiful river at exhilarating speed. The river was not so beautiful as it might have been, and usually is, for local rains had stained its crystal face and given it a somewhat rubicund and rowdy appearance, and it was somewhat low and sullen, and made no music as it contended with the rocks. But those who saw it for the first time could make no comparisons, and had ample enjoyment in their admiration of a picture forever changing its features and its coloring, and not less of enjoyment in admiration of the wonderful boldness and skill of engineering which had forced a pathway down the rough canyon and made a pleasant highway of the once impassable gorge.

At 12 o'clock the train swung across the graceful iron bridge at Deep Water, and entered into the lovely and picturesque valley of the Springs. The cars were soon emptied and the party disposed itself as inclination prompted. Here, as everywhere else in the progress of the excursion, hospitality was the rule. Some of the party took to the warm baths, open to all plungers; some handled the billiard cue to keep the ready hand in practice; perhaps, some inspected the mysterious contents of sundry glittering glass vessels reposing behind a barricade, tempted, may be, by the refreshing tinkling of ice suggestive of cooling drafts to sun

and dust parched throats. Others like ourselves went round to view the changes that had been made; the old office converted into an elegant ladies reception room; the old dining room, cut up into bar and billiard room, and gentlemen's sitting room; above all, the grand new ball room, upstairs, with its 110 feet of length, its 55 feet in width, its light and airy roof, and its cool, tempting and suggestive verandahs encircling all the space. And soon we inspected the equally magnificent dining room, of equal size with the ball room above. At 2 o'clock the doors were opened, and two long lines of tables were seen stretched along the length of the room. The menu was perhaps the most elaborate ever presented in this State, and the numerous viands most delicately and artistically prepared. We think the bill of fare was faithfully carried out. Some defects in service perhaps impeded the ample enjoyment of all the many guests, but in view of so much that was so elegantly elaborately, and delicately luxurious, allowance was readily made for unavoidable short comings, and the guests had nothing but admiration and enjoyment of the elegant and hearty hospitality of their entertainment and entertainer, H. A. Gudger. At the closing of the dinner several toasts were drunk.

"The Warm Springs" was responded to handsomely by Mr. H. A. Gudger. "The Press of South Carolina" was responded to with great elegance of language and vivacity of manner by Mr. Hoyt of the Greenville Baptist Courier and seconded ably and eloquently by Mr. G. S. Bradshaw of the Asheboro Courier.

"The Ladies of South Carolina" had a most gallant respondent in Mr. A. S. Todd of the Anderson Journal; and then time pressing, the tables were speedily emptied for the return trip.

At the depot, the President of the North Carolina Association called that body to order, and Mr. Josephus Daniels of the Wilson Advance offered the following resolutions which were enthusiastically adopted:

Whereas, The Press Association of North Carolina has enjoyed the privilege of meeting and mingling with our brother journalists of the Palmetto State, therefore be it

Resolved, that in convention assembled we express to them the great pleasure our coming together has given the members of this association, the results of it we trust will be beneficial to the members of both conventions and bring about more fully that good feeling and cooperation which exists between the Carolinas; which, though separated by an invisible line, are one in purpose, one in interest, one in destiny.

Resolved, that our Secretary be instructed to forward to each member of the South Carolina Press Association a copy of the minutes of this session of our association.

Col. C. R. Jones offered the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that the Press Association of North Carolina, impressed with the liberal courtesy of H. A. Gudger, of the Warm Springs hotel, and in the enjoyment of his elegant hospitalities, does hereby tender to him their heartfelt thanks for the same, and also for the distinguished consideration done it by selecting it as the recipient of his honors.

A hearty resolution of thanks was also voted to Jordan Stone for the conspicuous merits of his great services, and the distinguished success that marked his well considered arrangements.

And then the party returned to Asheville without any special incident to vary a very pleasant ride; and the North Carolina delegation went on their way home rejoicing, while our South Carolina friends lingered over in Asheville two days longer, reluctant to plunge again into the warm air of the low country drawing out as long as could be the inspiring inhalations of mountain breath.

And here we will remark how much of the success and fullness of the pleasure of both associations were due to the large liberality of President Andrews, and his provident care in arranging for the full and prompt transportation of both associations. He took care both of the South and North Carolina parties, and both in coming and returning there was the same generous provision. How much is comprehended in the above may be seen at a glance; From Goldsboro and from Charlotte, the termini of the N. C. road from Salisbury to Asheville, and from Asheville to Warm Springs on one branch and to Pigeon river on the other, the whole with coaches for the exclusive use of the press. Certainly to President Andrews is due both thanks and honor; thanks for the kindness displayed; honor that his magnanimity drew no distinction between friend and opponent. His reward is that the latter may be convinced of the substantial reality of a work which still lives as a myth or an impossibility in the minds of many.

“EDITORIAL VISIT”

(From Salisbury Watchman, July 12, 1883).

We were very pleasantly surprised Monday by the unexpected entrance of six or seven South Carolina editors, but sleek and handsome gentlemen. A cleverer looking company of quill drivers is seldom seen. They eyed us with a quizzical sort of glance, and one of them aside to his companions said “He looks sorter like an editor.”

These gentlemen were part of the South Carolina delegation (40 in number including several ladies, who met the North Carolina Editorial Association at Asheville Friday last, and with them visited the Warm Springs. They have had a refreshing vacation in “The Land of the Sky” and are now returning to their home laden with pleasant memories. They were feeling good as they passed here, and we enjoyed their evident happiness very much indeed.

Meeting of 1884

Held in Raleigh, October 1884

NORTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPERS

(From The Raleigh News and Observer, April 17, 1884).

Ashboro, Courier, G. S. Bradshaw; Asheville, Citizen, Furman, Stone & Cameron. Asheville, Republican, Republican Publishing Co. Asheville Daily Advance, Theo. Hobgood. Asheville Register, Herren & Osborne; Bakersville, Mountain Voice, S. Worthen; Beaufort, Telephone, Potter & Chadwick; Bakersville, Western Democrat, Dwight L. Elliott. Carthage, Gazette, Dunlap & Scott; Chapel Hill, N. C. Educational Journal, Rev. N. Heitman. Chapel Hill, N. C., University Monthly; Clayton, Bud, J. R. Wedding & Co.; Charlotte, Observer, Chas. R. Jones; Charlotte, Home and Democrat, Yates & Strong; Clinton, Caucasian, Stallings & Cooper; Concord Times, H. T. J. Ludwig; Concord, Register, John Woodhouse; Chadbourn, Columbus Times, Times Publishing Company. Durham, Recorder, Hackney & Mackey; Durham, Tobacco Plant, C. B. Green; Durham, Church Messenger, Rev. E. W. Joyner; Dailey Reporter, D. H. Whitaker & Sons; Durham Dispatch — James Dike; Danbury, Reporter and Post, Pepper & Sons; Edenton, Albemarle Enquirer, E. L. C. Ward; Elizabeth City Economist, R. B. Creecy. Elizabeth City, Falcon, Vaughan and Lamb; Elizabeth City, Carolinian, Palemon John. Fayetteville, Observer, E. J. Hale; Fayetteville, Sun, Josiah Evans; Franklinton Weekly, Gully & Morris; Gastonia, Gazette, T. G. Chalk; Goldsboro, Messenger, J. A. Bonitz; Goldsboro, Bulletin, J. M. & W. G. Hollowell; Goldsboro, Methodist Advance, Rev. W. M. Robey; Graham, Alamance Gleaner, J. D. Kernodle; Greensboro, Bugle, Jas. W. Albright; Greensboro, Patriot, J. B. Hussey; Greensboro, Workman, J. L. Michaux; Greensboro, North State, W. H. McCormack & Co.; Greensboro, Central Protestant, J. L. Michaux; Greenville, Eastern Reflector, J. R. Whichard; Henderson Gold Leaf, T. R. Manning; Hendersonville, Blue Ridge Baptist, D. B. Nelson; Hickory, Piedmont Press, Bryan & Tomlinson; Hickory, Western Carolinian, J. F. Murrill; Highlands, Blue Ridge Enterprise, A. F. Clark; High Point, Pioneer, Farm & Fireside, G. F. Ouderkirk; High Point, Enterprise, Steele & Crutchfield; Hillsboro, Orange County Observer, J. A. Harris; Kernersville, News, J. B. Lindsay; Kinston, Free Press, C. C. Daniels; Littleton, Index, Jno. W. Hicks; LaGrange, Davis, Cadet, ____; Laurinburg, Exchange, Bundy & Covington; Leaksville, Gazette, J. T. Darlington; Lenoir, Topic, W. W. Scott; Lexington, N. C. Mining Journal, T. B. Eldridge; Lexington, Dispatch, T. B. Eldridge. Lincolnton, Press, Jno. C. Tipton. Louisburg, Times, T. A. Thomas. Lumberton, Robesonian, W. W. McDiarmid; Marion, Lamp Post,

S. H. Fleming. Milton, Chronicle, T. C. Evans. Mocksville, Davie Times, E. W. Mooring. Monroe, Enquirer and Express, W. J. Boylin. Morganton, Blue Ridge Blade, _____. Morganton, Mountaineer, W. C. Erwin. Mt. Airy, Yadkin Valley News, T. J. Lowry. Murphy, Independent _____. Newbern, Journal, H. S. Nunn. Newbern, Nut Shell, Geo. E. Pittman. Free Will Baptist, R. K. Hearn. Newton, Enterprise, F. M. Williams. Oxford, Torchlight, W. A. Davis. Oxford, Orphans' Friend, J. H. Mills. Oak Ridge, Oak Leaf, _____. Pittsboro, Record, H. A. London. Pittsboro, Home, Rev. P. R. Law. Potecasi, Roanoke Patron, R. I. Beale. Reidsville, Times, T. C. Evans. Reidsville, Dollar Weekly, J. R. Webster. Rockingham, Spirit of the South, W. R. Terry. Rocky Mount, Reporter, C. H. Harris. Rutherford College, Enterprise, H. M. Johnson & Co. Roxboro, Person County News, J. N. Gibbons. Rutherfordton, Banner, _____. Salem, People's Press, L. V. & E. T. Blum. Salisbury, Carolina Watchman, J. J. Bruner. Salisbury, Examiner, J. J. Stewart. Snow Hill Telegraph, W. C. Monroe. Scotland Neck, Commonwealth, Geo. M. Newell. Shelby, Aurora, W. H. Miller. Smithfield, Herald, Booker & Smith. Statesville, Landmark, J. P. Caldwell. Statesville, American, G. A. Latham. Stonewall, Pamlico Enterprise, J. H. Becton. Tarboro, Southerner, Frank Powell; Tarboro, Sentinel, John C. Dancy; Tarboro, Guide, C. F. Willis. Toisnot, Sunny Home, N. D. May. Trinity Magazine, _____. Troy, Montgomery Star, Douglas & Underwood. Wadesboro, Anson Times, Cowan & Harris. Wadesboro, Intelligencer, S. W. Henly. Warrenton, Gazette, H. A. Foote; Warrenton, Home Journal, _____. Washington, Gazette, J. H. Small; Washington, Watchtower, J. L. Winfield. Weldon News, Hall & Sledge. Whiteville, Enterprise, R. L. Lovell. Waco, Rural Chronicle, H. S. Blair. Waynesville, News, Wm. S. Henby. Wilmington, Star, W. H. Bernard. Wilmington, Review, J. T. James. Wilmington, N. C. Medical Journal, Dr. Wood. Wilmington, N. C. Presbyterian, John McLaurin. Wilmington, Sunday Morning Mail, E. S. Warrock & Co. Wilmington, Post, W. P. Cannady. Wilmington, Journal, Josh T. James. Wilmington, Africo-American Presbyterian, D. J. Sanders. Wilson, Advance, Josephus Daniels. Wilson, Mirror, G. W. Blount. Wilson, Zion's Landmark, P. D. Gold. Winston Leader, J. A. Robinson. Winston, Union Republican, J. W. Goslen. Winston, Sentinel, E. A. Oldham. Winston, Pilot Pub. Co. Wake Forest Student, _____. Rockingham, Rocket, R. W. Knight.

PRESS EXCURSION

April 30, 1884.

Pittsboro, N. C. To the North Carolina Press Association:

The members of the North Carolina Press Association who attended at our last convention will doubtless remember with much pleasure our meeting with the South Carolina Press Association. At that time our brethren from the gallant "Old Palmetto State" expressed the hope that we would meet them this year at their

convention to be held at Charleston, and in accordance therewith a formal invitation has now been extended to us, which has this day been forwarded to me by Mr. Stone, and is as follows:

Camden, S. C., April 16, 1884.

Jordan Stone, Esq., Secretary N. C. State Press Association, Asheville, N. C.

My dear Sir:

It is my pleasant duty to extend through you to the members of the North Carolina State Press Association a most cordial invitation to join the South Carolina Press Association at its annual meeting in Charleston on the 15th of May next.

The impresslions so favorably engraven upon our memories last year as the guests of your body; the intense pleasure enjoyed on that occasion by the members of our association; and the warm welcome and unbounded hospitality extended to us by your association and the citizens of Asheville, will ever remain indelible.

Our executive committee has just determined upon the place and time of holding our next annual meeting, and I hasten to extend this invitation.

You will please inform me when we may expect to meet you at Columbia, as it is our desire to have a committee to meet you at that point and accompany you to the "City by the Sea." It is needless to say that we anticipate great pleasure in having your association with us, and can promise at least some pleasure to you that need not be repented of.

I shall be very much pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience. I am now arranging to assist you in matters of transportation through our State.

Yours very sincerely,

Frank P. Beard, Secy. S. C. S. P. A.

No formal call for a meeting of our association can now be issued, because according to our by-laws, "the call for a special meeting shall be published at least twenty days before said meeting," but I take the liberty, as President of the association, to urge upon all the members thereof, who can possibly do so, to accept the invitation and again enjoy the pleasure of meeting the South Carolina State Press Association. The excursion will be one of unusual enjoyment and the expense will be small.

All members of the association who desire to go, will please at once notify Mr. Stone, as there is no time to lose in making arrangements for transportation, etc. I would suggest that we leave Charlotte on the 1 p. m. train on Wednesday, the 14th of May, so as to meet the committee of arrangements at Columbia that evening, and arrive in Charleston on the morning of the 15th. Those members residing east of, and along the line of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad would find the Atlantic Coast Line a shorter route for them.

H. A. London, President N. C. Press Association.

THE PRESS

(From The Raleigh News & Observer, October 8, 1884)

At 8 o'clock last evening the North Carolina Press Association met in the hall of the house of commons, Mr. H. A. London, the president, in the chair, Mr. Jas. A. Robinson, of the Winston "Leader" being the secretary. Upon a call of the roll the following editors were found to be present: J. D. Kernodle Alamance "Gleaner;" Chas. R. Jones, Charlotte Observer; H. A. London, Chatham Record; E. C. Hackney, Durham Recorder; D. J. Whichard, Greenville Reflector; C. C. Daniels, Kinston Free Press; T. A. Lyon, Kernersville News; Nat. Gregory, Oxford Torchlight; S. A. Ashe, Raleigh News and Observer; E. G. Harrell, North Carolina Teacher; N. B. Broughton, Biblical Recorder; H. A. Foote, Warrenton Gazette; J. A. Robinson, Winston Leader; T. J. Simmons, Wake Forest Student; S. C. Weil, University Magazine; Josephus Daniels, Wilson Advance.

Mayor W. H. Dodd made an address of welcome, in which he assured the editors of a hearty welcome to Raleigh, of whose progress and enterprise as the capital city all should feel proud. He spoke of the wonders of the exposition, and said that now for the first time North Carolinians knew North Carolina.

President London returned thanks for this welcome in some particularly pleasant words.

Capt. S. A. Ashe introduced to the assemblage Mr. W. S. Primrose, president of the exposition, whose grand work and earnest efforts he eulogized in words which were full of truth.

Mr. Primrose said he most cordially welcomed the visitors to the exposition. It had been the aim to make this exhibit worthy, so that the people of the State, the country and the world on seeing the exposition would admire its excellence. He said the press had rendered the heartiest cooperation in building up the exposition. The result of it all and of the practical enthusiasm is an exhibit which shows that we are taking steps to show what our State is. North Carolinians are the most modest people in the world. We do not assert ourselves sufficiently. This is an attempt in that direction. Mr. Primrose gave a graceful word picture of the State. He spoke of the progress of North Carolina, and of the approach of a grand industrial era. He said that no such presentation of a State's resources had ever before been made in the history of the country. He was sure this would be admitted by all who should see the exposition. We are only now waking to a consciousness of the merits of North Carolina, of its advantages. We have been lacking heretofore in a proper state pride. This great exposition spreads the State out like a map before observers. Its chief benefit is the stimulation of our people to a higher pitch of industry and enterprise. This effect it will have. Its strict end and aim is the development of North Carolina. The immigration we need is from the North and West. This we will have. It is a question of time and effort. He spoke of the various interests awaiting development, mentioning especially the oyster

interests. He spoke of the need of effort by the press, and appealed to it for aid in helping on the work and increasing the greatness of North Carolina.

Col. Chas. R. Jones of Charlotte, said he wished to thank Mayor Dodd for his remarks. He felt a pride in Raleigh as a city in which all North Carolina had an interest. He spoke of this exposition as a grand affair which was all North Carolinian. He spoke of Mecklenburg's failure to do her part. He was ashamed of the county, but felt a greater pride in the State than ever before.

Mr. Robinson was elected temporary secretary.

The election of officers was deferred until today. An invitation of Mr. T. H. McKoy to lunch with him at the exposition grounds at 2 p. m. today was accepted.

There were some remarks by Messrs. London, Foote, and Jones on matters relating to the general welfare of the association. Under a suspension of the rules several members were received. Messrs. Page & Arendell of the State Chronicle, became members, and also Messrs. Brown & Utley of the Evening Visitor.

On motion the association adjourned to meet in the hall at 9 o'clock this morning.

October 9, 1884

The members of the State Press Association certainly enjoyed themselves yesterday.

The association met at 9 o'clock a. m., Mr. London presiding. Various matters were discussed, which were of interest only to the members. The election of officers was held, with the following result: Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of the Wilson Advance was chosen president. The following were chosen vice-presidents: E. G. Harrell, E. C. Hackney, Chas. R. Jones; secretary and treasurer, Jordan Stone; Assistant Sec'y, J. H. Lindsay, Kernersville; Executive Committee: S. A. Ashe, E. A. Oldham. J. H. Enniss, H. A. London, H. A. Foote; orator, Walter H. Page; poet, W. C. Ervin, of the Morganton Mountaineer.

A committee consisting of Messrs. H. A. London, C. R. Jones, Josephus Daniels, J. D. Kernodle and W. H. Page was appointed to memorialize the next legislature in regard to legal advertising.

More editors came in yesterday, these being Mr. J. W. Sledge, of the Weldon News; Mr. Thad Manning, of the Henderson Gold Leaf; Mr. John W. Scott, of the Carthage Gazette; Mr. Geo. M. Carr, Goldsboro Messenger; Mr. W. W. McDiarmid of the Lumberton Robesonian.

Mr. E. H. Delmar, of the Boston Globe and Mr. D. McLeod of the Norfolk Evening News, were invited to seats with the association and went out to the grounds with the party.

At 11 o'clock the association left the city for the exposition grounds and devoted the remainder of the day to an inspection of the grand exhibit. At noon the party took lunch with the officers of the exposition and at 2:30 they took dinner with Mr. T. H. McKoy, Jr., in the main building.

The bill of fare read as follows: "Souvenirs of visit North Carolina Press Association, State Exposition, Raleigh, Oct. 8, 1884. Menu: Sandwiches of Thurber, Whyland & Co.'s potted meats; champagne punch; coffee, cheese."

Ample justice was done the spread. About fifty persons partook of Mr. McKoy's hospitality. After the feast of the body ended that of the mind began. Mr. McKoy made an admirable little speech of welcome, which was received with applause. Maj. R. S. Tucker at its conclusion proposed Mr. McKoy's health. Col. Chas. R. Jones made an excellent speech, in which he took occasion to express his wonder at the magnitude of the exposition. A few pertinent remarks were made by Mr. Josephus Daniels, the new president of the press association.

Among the most beautiful things seen on the Messrs. Thurber, Whyland & Co.'s "Press Association" dinner table were four pieces of china hand-painted by the pupils of Peace Institute. The china was kindly loaned to Mr. McKoy by the Messrs. Burwell.

The press association adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, The North Carolina Press Association, through the courtesy of the management of the N. C. State exposition, have had the pleasure of spending a few hours on the exposition grounds, therefore,

Resolved, That we view with pride and pleasure, becoming to citizens of North Carolina, the magnificent exhibit of the natural and industrial resources of the State, as exemplified by the splendid exhibit now exposed to the view of the people of the world.

Resolved, That the 50,000 articles of great merit exhibited by the several counties of the State, and the 7,000 articles exhibited by the State agricultural department, (more even than were exhibited at the Atlanta exposition) are highly creditable to the push, energy and progress of the State; show a new era in our civilization and must result in great benefit to our people.

Resolved, That we regard this exposition as the beginning of a new era in our civilization and national development, and that the highest and best lesson inculcated at the exposition is to teach our own selves the real and actual resources and advantages that the God of nature has given us.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Press Association of North Carolina here present, pledge ourselves to uphold the hands of the projectors of this grand and important enterprise and that we will use our influence in urging the people of the State to come and see for themselves, like the Queen of Sheba, that the half of the greatness of North Carolina has never been told.

Resolved, That the Press Association of North Carolina returns sincere thanks to Mr. W. S. Primrose, President of the State Exposition; to Mayor W. H. Dodd, for his cordial welcome to the City of Oaks; and to Governor Jarvis for the use of the Hall of Representatives during our session. That we also tender thanks to the State board of agriculture for many kind courtesies extended to us which enabled us more fully and carefully to examine the wonderful State exhibit.

Resolved further, That the thanks of our association are due and hereby tendered to Mr. T. H. McKoy, Jr., the representative of the Messrs. Thurber, Whyland & Co., for the elegant collation.

CHAS. R. JONES
E. G. HARRELL
H. A. LONDON

To the Press:

The State Press Association will hold a meeting at the Exposition Grounds this (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock. The members are requested to meet at Secretary Fries' office promptly at that hour. Important business is to be transacted.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS, President.

Meeting of 1885

Held in Smithville, June 1885

(Smithville, N. C., June 17, 1885)

The North Carolina Press Association met in its Thirteenth Annual Session in the Pavilion of Hotel Brunswick at 3:30 o'clock, p. m., President Josephus Daniels calling the meeting to order.

In the absence of the Chaplain, Rev. P. R. Law opened the meeting with prayer.

The Secretary called the roll, and found the following papers represented:

Alamance Gleaner, J. D. Kernodle; Anson Times, R. H. Cowan; Chatham Record, H. A. London; Durham Recorder, E. C. Hackney; Greenville Reflector, D. J. Whichard; Henderson Gold Leaf, G. W. Ellsworth; Hickory Press, R. K. Bryan; Kernersville News, J. H. Lindsay; Lenoir Topic, Dr. J. M. Spainhour; Lumberton Robesonian, W. W. McDiarmid; Monroe Enquirer and Express, W. J. Boylin and Rev. P. R. Law; Newbern Journal, E. E. Harper; Rockingham Rocket, H. C. Wall; Shelby New Era, Geo. A. Frick; Tar River Talker, G. P. Hart; Twin-City Daily, Z. W. Whitehead; University Magazine, G. B. Patterson; Warrenton Home Journal, J. W. Hicks; Washington Gazette, J. H. Small; Washington Watchtower, J. N. Bell, Jr.; Wilson Advance, Josephus Daniels; Wilson Mirror, G. W. Blount; Winston Leader, J. A. Robinson; Zion's Landmark, J. A. Crews.

Mr. R. K. Bryan suggested that the names of those papers that had discontinued be erased from the list.

THE ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT DANIELS

(The Association passed a resolution requesting the President to furnish a copy of his Address for publication in the minutes. In compliance with this resolution Mr. Daniels gave the address to the Secretary, who regrets very much that from some cause, which he cannot explain, a part of the address was lost. As Mr. Daniels had no duplicate and has been too busily engaged to re-write the lost portion, the Secretary can only furnish the following imperfect synopsis of the Address.)

After calling the Association to order, the President, Josephus Daniels, editor of the Wilson Advance, read his Address, of which the following is a synopsis:

He first congratulated the Association upon the flattering auspices under which the thirteenth annual meeting of the Association was held, and showed, in a succinct manner, what the Association had done for its members; how it had elevated the tone of journalism in the State; how it had condemned indecent personalities with which the papers were filled a few years ago, and had lent the whole weight of its influence against so censurable a

practice; how it had aided in bringing about a proper regard for law by condemning Lynch-law; how it had aided in building up the material interest and advertising the vast resources of the State; how it had shaped legislation to wise ends; and how potent its influence had been in awakening the new interest in educational matters, which is now seen in every section of the State, etc.

He then contrasted the journalism of today with that of ante-bellum times. Told in what respects we had made improvement; where we had retrograded. He contrasted the size, typographical appearance, editorials and the general "makeup" of the papers of the two periods, and drew the conclusion that while the papers of today publish the news more fully and more quickly, and present a neater and more attractive appearance, there was not so thorough and exhaustive treatment of questions of state and constitutional questions as could be found in the papers of twenty-five years ago. He feared that most of the editors of country weeklies published the news to the exclusion of the discussion of timely topics. A paper was judged by its editorial department and an editor should use his best endeavors to make his editorial timely, practical and thoughtful. The readers of a newspaper have as much right to the editor's opinion as to how the war would effect the price of provision, and what would be the probable influence of the electing of a certain set of men, as they have to the news of the result of the war or the returns of the election.

An editor should be careful as to what he prints. A country weekly goes into the family, is read by the children and neighbors. It ought to contain nothing to vitiate the mind of the reader or to produce evil thoughts. An editor has no right to outrage the public sense of decency and propriety by publishing all the sickening details of a crime. He took that high ground that an editor of a family newspaper has no right to publish in his paper any item which he would be unwilling for his children to know, to read aloud to them or which would bring the blush to the cheek of the purest maiden. He regarded this as the only safe ground for an editor, who ought to be a teacher of ethics as well as a distributor of news.

He thought the papers of today suffered by a contrast with the papers of five years ago in regard to the indiscriminate puffing with which nearly all our papers are now filled. As some periods of time have been termed "the Golden Age," "the Iron Age," "the Era of Good Feeling," he submitted that this ought by all means to be called the "Age of Indiscriminate Puffing." So accustomed are our editors to use the strongest adjectives in describing the speeches and addresses of men of mediocre ability, that when it is necessary to speak of the effort of a high order of ability, there are no words remaining to convey a proper idea of his speech or address. There is no fault so prevalent among our editors and none more productive of harm. Every editor ought to seek to make his utterances so truthful that they can always be relied upon with safety. His criticisms ought to be

honest and manly. His descriptions ought to be true to life. If he indulges in indiscriminate puffery, his statements are unreliable; his criticisms dishonest and unmanly; and his descriptions colored and exaggerated. We need plain speech. Editors need to quit puffing unworthy men and unworthy objects. Nothing will sooner destroy the influence of a paper than for its readers to know that the editor is indiscriminate in his praise; insincere in his commendations, and unreliable in his statements. There is too much of puffing—too little of plain and honest expressions of opinion in our papers. The people have a right to look to the newspapers to expose fraud and corruption in high places and to criticize the unwise acts of legislators and rulers. It is a duty implied in the editorship and any editor who panders to the sentiment, that in the interest of party, fraud ought to be cloaked and rascality condoned, is unworthy of his high vocation. It is the duty of an editor to act in judgment and pass upon the acts of public men and to discuss public measures plainly and honestly. He then discussed the practical questions of Advertising Patronage and rates for the same; Legal advertising and how the Association had induced the Legislature to increase it, together with suggestions as to a further increase; the Cash and Credit system and the advantages and disadvantages of each; the fact that everything has to be done in this day by drumming and how the expense of employing a canvasser could be avoided; the ethics of advertising—and perhaps, some other matters of interest to the members of the Association and to all editors.

Then, as a conclusion to the address, Mr. Daniels spoke of "Journalism as a Profession." This was the chief one in his speech and was more fully elaborated than any of the other subjects touched upon. He told what an editor should be and what he should know. He regretted that the Press had not received so many talented and educated men into its ranks as had the Law, Medicine, and Pedagogics. He attributed this to non-reading habits of our people and to the fact that editing had not been a remunerative employment. He deplored this state of affairs and believed that with the spread of education the young men would go out from the colleges into the sanctum. He spoke of the broad field of journalism and the wide avenues of usefulness open to every editor. He was glad that many talented and educated young men were taking journalism as a profession, and predicted that before many years the University of the State, in imitation of Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and other institutions of similar grade, would have a department in which to train editors.

He then asked why the State ought to allow a man to edit a newspaper without license rather than to practice law, physic, sell drugs, or teach in the public schools? He believed the day was coming—and as a young man he expected to live to see it—when no man will be allowed to be managing editor of a paper, city daily or country weekly, without apprenticeship or examination. The necessity for this in order to exclude incompetent

men, was impressed upon the editors present, and the younger men in the Association who had recently adopted journalism as a profession, were urged to put forth all their exertions in order to fit themselves for any position in life. They were urged, if their educational advantages had been limited, to pursue a course of systematic studies in connection with their work, and not to be content to eke out a miserable existence, when by honest and laborious endeavors fame can be achieved. Those young editors whose educational advantages had been of a superior kind, were counseled to supplement their training with a course of reading. All North Carolina editors were called upon to spare no efforts to raise the standard of the press; to make the papers what they should be—moulders of a healthy public sentiment.

Concluding the Address, the President said it was pleasant for him to meet his brethren of the press once again and to exchange views with them as to the duties, interests and pleasures of the profession. The Association had accomplished good in bringing the editors into closer communion and promoting the growth of fraternal feeling and professional courtesy. They were counseled to foster these feelings and this courtesy and to advocate their variety of opinions without harshness, without asperity, and with a full appreciation of the requirements of genuine courtesy.

The report of the Treasurer was read, and on motion, referred to the Finance Committee, consisting of R. K. Bryan, R. H. Cowan, and E. C. Hackney.

George A. Frick moved that when the Association adjourned Thursday evening, it stand adjourned until its next meeting.

R. H. Cowan moved that the President request some gentleman to address the Association on to-morrow morning.

The President appointed R. K. Bryan to deliver the address.

On motion, Mr. Bryan's address was made the first order of business for the morning session.

R. K. Bryan made appropriate remarks concerning the advisability of having the members make short speeches on practical subjects. He suggested the "Fence-law question," and spoke a few minutes in favor of it.

On motion, the Address of the President was referred to a committee, consisting of G. W. Blount, G. A. Frick and J. D. Kernodle, to report on the practical suggestions contained therein, and to appoint certain members to discuss the same.

On motion, W. W. McDiarmid was appointed to read, at the next annual meeting, a paper containing a history of the Association from its formation, thirteen years ago, down to the present.

G. A. Frick moved to amend the Constitution by adding to the list of officers a Historiographer, and by adding the following section to Art. II: "It shall be the duty of the Historiographer to prepare for each meeting suitable biographical notices of such members of the Association as may have died during the previous year, or to secure the preparation of such notices by others." Adopted.

The following Executive Committee, pro tem, was appointed: H. C. Wall, G. P. Hart, W. J. Boylin, D. J. Whichard, and J. H. Lindsay.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet next morning at 9 o'clock

SECOND DAY

Thursday, June 18th, 1885.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, in the Pavilion of Hotel Brunswick, at 9 o'clock a. m., President Daniels in the Chair. Opened with prayer by Rev. C. M. Gentry, of Smithville, N. C.

G. W. Blount moved that the special order of business be postponed, and the report of the Special Committee on the President's Address be read. Motion carried. The Committee reported as follows:

Report of Special Committee:

To the President and Members of the North Carolina Press Association:

Gentlemen:—Your committee upon your President's Address, respectfully report, that they have thoroughly examined the able paper read to you yesterday and earnestly recommend it to the careful attention of every member of the Association. It is practical, well thought out, and deals with subjects of vital personal and professional interest to all of you. While, upon some of the details, it cannot but be expected that men accustomed to think for themselves will have differences of opinion, it is the belief of your committee that in general, the sentiments expressed will receive the hearty endorsement of the Association.

The graphic and succinct account given by your President of the progress that has been made in North Carolina journalism, must be gratifying to all. In no respect is this more true than in the increase of advertising patronage. In this particular your committee would call attention to the low rates frequently received for advertisements, and especially for those received for patent medicines and other articles commonly advertised through agents. These advertisements give no adequate returns to the editor, occasion unjust discrimination against more legitimate patrons, and in many ways, cheapen and debase the columns of the paper. Considerations of policy and principle, both, dictate a more rigid treatment of such advertisers at the hands of our editors.

The subject of the necessity of personal solicitation for patronage upon the part of journalists is one unpleasant to many of us; but, as your President has pointed out, it is hard to see how the practice can be avoided.

Nothing in the remarks of your presiding officer deserves a unanimous endorsement more than the attention he has called to the too common practice of indiscriminate puffery. The evils involved are so obvious that further comment is unnecessary.

Your President is to be congratulated upon the high stand he has taken in favor of true editorial writing. It is as much the duty of the real journalist to study out and give his readers the counsel and results, the nature and consequences of public movements, sentiments and measures, as it is to chronicle events.

The position your President has taken against sensational journalism and in favor of the preservation of purity of the con-

tents, as well as of the tone, of our papers, should receive your hearty endorsement.

The subject of increasing the amount of advertising required by law is one of great moment to the cause of justice and the general public, as well as journalists. In view, however, of the length of time before the next meeting of the General Assembly, your committee recommends simply that you keep the subject constantly before you, and that at your next meeting steps be taken to present the matter again to the attention of the Legislature.

That journalism is a profession none of you will doubt, and the general public is not now likely to question the fact. Whether schools of journalism can be of much practicable benefit, is at least questionable. While we recognized the protection such a course would give the public and the profession, your committee doubts the practicability of requiring examinations for entrance into our vocation, and is inclined to think that such a course might open a loophole for infringing upon the liberty of the Press.

The subject of the cash and credit systems of receiving patronage is one which your committee deems must be left to the individual editor to be determined by him according to the conditions surrounding himself and his constituency. At the same time recommends that wherever possible, the cash system be adopted.

Recent events in the history of your body render it patent to your committee that the Association should be incorporated. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the Executive Committee of the Association be instructed to have, at its earliest convenience, the Association incorporated under the General Incorporation Act of the State, and that the officers to be elected to-day be named as incorporators. Inasmuch as the subject will be amply discussed, should their recommendation be adopted, your committee consider further remarks upon their part inadvisable.

There are in your President's address many subjects well worthy of the attention and discussion of the Association. In view, however, of the business before you today and the limited time left your committee have appointed only the following subjects to be discussed by the following gentlemen:

"Advertising Patronage and Adequate Rates for the Same"—Hackney and Whitehead.

"Editorial Writing"—Wall and Hart.

"Family and Sensational Papers"—Boylin and Lindsay.

"Cash and Credit Systems"—McDiarmid and Robinson.

Your committee suggest also, that a general discussion of the subjects appointed be invited.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A FRICK,
For the Committee.

On motion, the Finance Committee, pro tem., were requested to make their report which was as follows:

The Finance Committee, to which was referred the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, have examined the same and the vouchers by which it is accompanied and find it correct. They have also examined the vouchers and report of the late Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Stone, and find that the balance due the Association from him, is as stated by him, viz, \$30.06. This amount, when collected and added to the amount on hand, viz. \$18.47, will place in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$48.53. There remains an unpaid debt due by the Association to Edwards, Broughton & Co., amounting to \$38.10. As soon as the balance due the Association from the former Secretary and Treasurer shall

have been received, there will be sufficient funds in hand on the last year's account to settle this debt, and leave a balance of \$10.43 to go to expenses of current year.

R. K. BRYAN,
R. H. COWAN,
E. C. HACKNEY,
Committee.

The Executive Committee pro tem., made the following report:

The Executive Committee, pro tem., would beg leave to make the following report: The following papers belonging to the Association have suspended publication since its Eleventh Annual Meeting, two years ago: Asheville "News," Charlotte "At Home and Abroad," Morganton "Mountaineer," Pittsboro "Argus," Rocky Mount "Reporter," Toisnot "Sunny Home," and Wilson "Siftings." There have been added to this Association during the same time the following papers: Shelby "New Era," Winston "Twin City Daily," "Tar River Talker," "Zion's Landmark," Newbern "Journal," Lenoir "Topic," and Wilson "Mirror."

The committee is unable to report the names of papers that are in arrears for dues, and we recommend that the Secretary be requested to publish in the Minutes a corrected list of papers belonging to the Association.

We recommend that Section 2, Art. III of the Constitution be strictly enforced; and that whenever any paper belonging to the Association is in arrears on annual dues, it shall be the duty of the Secretary before issuing passes to such papers, to require them to remit the amount of such arrears to him.

We further recommend that the Secretary, at least three months before our next annual meeting, be required to notify each member of the Association, by printed or written notice, at his option, of the time and place of next meeting, together with a statement of the financial standing of such member with the Association.

We further recommend that the printing of the minutes be left entirely with the Secretary; that he have printed 200 copies, and that he be requested to have the work done on the best terms possible and as soon as practicable.

H. C. WALL, Chairman.
GEO. P. HART.
D. J. WICHARD.
W. J. BOYLIN.
J. H. LINDSAY, Secretary.

On motion the reports were adopted.

R. K. Bryan, of the Hickory Press, read the following Address on the "Evils of Jury Trials."

Address of R. K. Bryan.

It was a belief of the ancient Greeks that human events move in cycles, and that history is a perpetual repetition of itself. This idea is expressed in the 4th Eclogue of the poet Virgil, in the following lines:

Alter erit tum Tiphys, et altera quae vehat Argo
Dilectos heroas; erunt etiam altera bella
Atque iterum ad Trojam magnus nittetur Ach'les.

If we receive this doctrine as true, all hope for the permanent improvement of our race, in all that constitutes civilization, will be lost, and in its place we shall have a dull submission to a course of events regarded as inevitable. The story of Sisypheus,

condemned to occupy his time in gloomy Tartarus, rolling a stone with great labor, from the bottom to the top of a hill only to see it return to the place from which it was removed, presents a picture in allegory of the labors of our fated race, if the doctrine of cycles were true.

But it is not true. The lower animals make no advances from one generation to another. The hexagonal cells of the honey bee were as perfect when the hundred thousand Greeks, under Agamemnon, thundered at the gates of Troy, as they are today. And the beaver constructed his dams in the prehistoric ages of America as skilfully as he does at this time. But it is the peculiar privilege of man to be a progressive being. And as men considered as individuals,

"may rise o'er their dead ashes,
As stepping stones to higher things,"

so may generations of men rise o'er the dead generations that have preceded them to better and nobler things. The "progress of the age" is not therefore a mere

"Tale told by an idiot,
Signifying nothing"—

It is a great and hopeful reality.

True progress implies not simply the improvement of men in practical science and the invention of machinery by which labor is saved and wealth accumulated. The correction of abuses in government and the improvement of its machinery, to the end that the laws shall be rightly executed, is a very necessary part of the forward movement which is to carry us onward and upward.

With these preliminary remarks, I proceed to call your attention to what I conceive to be a defective part of the machinery of our government, with a view to enlisting the efforts of all thoughtful and patriotic men for its improvement. The frequency of executions by Lynch law has attracted the attention of all observing men. Why is it that the people rise up and set aside the very legal procedure which they themselves through their legislatures have established? It is because they have lost confidence in the methods established for the trial of criminals. It is because they apprehend that the criminal will evade justice if left to the tedious and uncertain process of the law. If the trial of the guilty were made more expeditious, and their conviction more certain, a great blow would be struck at mob violence, and in favor of the regular administration of justice by the courts.

How can the administration of criminal justice be rendered more expeditious and more certain? I shall not, on this occasion, attempt a full discussion of a question so profound and difficult as this. Even if I possessed the necessary learning and ability for its discussion, which I am aware that I do not possess, this would not be proper occasion for it. I only propose now to throw out a few thoughts concerning the system of trial by jury as now practiced in this State and in the country generally, and to inquire whether it cannot be improved as an instrument for the administration of justice.

I am aware that there is a traditional prejudice in the minds of all English speaking people in favor of this method of determining issues of fact raised in the trial of causes. We associate in our minds the habeas corpus, the privilege of the ballot and other muniments of Anglo-Saxon liberty, with the trial by jury. In the great Charter of English liberty wrung from King John at Runnymede, trial by jury is expressly declared to be the right of every freeman. In the Declaration of Rights adopted by our an-

cestors at Halifax in 1776, as a portion of the first written Constitution of North Carolina, the right of trial by jury is reaffirmed; and it remains today a part of the fundamental law of the State. It was in use by our English ancestors before the Norman Conquest, and was practiced by the Goths in still remoter ages. There is an odor of sanctity about the institution. It has been called the Palladium of Civil Liberty, and even in this day an attempt to abolish it would be deemed little less than sacrilege. The reason of this feeling so generally entertained by all English speaking people is easily understood by the reader of English history. The King, who was by the Common Law the prosecutor in all criminal cases, appointed the judges who presided at the trials. Had the judges been made triers of the issues of fact as well as of law in criminal cases, the subject would have had no protection against the power of the throne. Obnoxious subjects who opposed the schemes of the crown or its favorites could in such a state of things have been easily crushed under the form of a legal trial, or terrorized into abject submission to the will of the tyrant. The interposition of a jury of subjects—the peers of the prisoner—to ascertain the fact of his guilt or innocence, gave him the needed security against arbitrary and irresponsible power. This protection was necessary to the Baron as well as the self, for the former was, by the habits of his age and caste, a very independent sort of character, and was often involved by his acts of lawlessness in difficulties with his sovereign. All ranks, therefore, from the villain to the belted earl, united in solid column in defence of the system of trial by jury.

Under a republican form of government, where unrestricted suffrage is the rule, and the judges who administer the law are created by the people themselves, there seems to be no necessity for erecting a breastwork composed of twelve sympathetic men, behind which a trembling prisoner may find refuge from the wrath of a tyrant. If trial by jury is to be retained as a fixed institution it must be done for other reasons than this. The State can have no motive for revenging itself on its own citizens. Its highest interests are best consulted by an exact and impartial administration of justice. And the judge who would add to his reputation and increase his chances for promotion, must hold the scales of justice with a steady hand.

I assume as a postulate in this discussion, that the judge who presides in a criminal court, ought to be aided in his investigation of the guilt of the prisoner, (perhaps also in the trial of civil issues) by a subordinate tribunal competent to give aid in ascertaining the facts of the case. Such a provision leaves the judge free to consider the innumerable points of law raised in the course of a criminal trial and to give prompt and clear decisions thereon. This division of labor seems convenient and proper.

Let us consider now the manner in which juries are selected. From the great body of citizens a list of jurors is made out, consisting of a numerous body of men having no special qualifications for the very important duties they will be called on to discharge. If they be not criminals nor idiots, nor too old, nor exempt as a privilege, and have paid their taxes, they are good and lawful men, fit in the estimation of those who administer the law to be placed on the jury list. It is evident, therefore, that the jury list will include a large proportion of the great body of the voters. From this list a jury is drawn by lot to serve on all trials during the term of court. And in capital cases, a special venire is usually drawn from the jury list for that particular occasion, and summoned by the sheriff. This special venire consists of freeholders exclusively, but it includes all sorts of people in about the

proportion they are found to exist in society. Out of them a jury of twelve is selected for the trial of the case. Let us suppose that a capital felony is to be tried. The prisoner has taken the precaution to employ counsel learned in the law and in human nature. The counsel knows all about the jurors, because he has made it his business to study their characters beforehand. He knows their prejudices, their family relations, their likes and dislikes, and what their ideas are of the propriety of capital punishment. He knows whether they are hard-hearted, soft-headed or hard-headed, whether they are refractory or can be easily melted, and moulded to suit the occasion, what may be the amount of personal influence over each one that can be brought to bear by the counsel. All these things he knows beforehand, because his profession is to defend criminals, and he is qualified for his profession. When, therefore, the names of the jurors are called and each individual tendered, the prisoner's counsel knows whether the juror will be a good one for the prisoner and he acts accordingly.

By means of challenges for cause, and the twenty-three challenges without cause, which the law allows, he generally manages to get on the jury some who are well disposed towards the prisoner, if that be possible, and some who by means of weak heads and tender hearts, can be swayed by sophistical arguments and appeals for mercy. If by this means one juror can be obtained who will, from any cause, refuse his assent to a verdict of guilty, the prisoner will be acquitted though his bloody hand would "the multitudinous seas incarnadine," for the law requires that the verdict must be unanimous.

To such a model of trial, I see many objections.

The number of jurors is unnecessarily large. What special virtue is there in the number twelve. The larger the number of jurors the nearer the approximation to a trial by the multitude. It is evident that a trial by a jury of five hundred men would be no better than a trial by the mob. By diminishing the number you improve the qualification of the jury. By further diminution below the number twelve it is self-evident that you can improve the intelligence, the character and fitness of the jury for the important duties they are created to perform. For the trial of all minor offenses, and of all civil issues, I can see no need for more than three jurymen. For the trial of capital cases it seems to me that the number of the jury might well be reduced to six, and the number of peremptory challenges to five. That number of challenges would enable the prisoner to exclude from the jury all individuals who might be prejudiced against him, but for whom no legal ground of challenge could be found.

If the number of the jury were thus reduced, it would not be necessary to have a large jury list.

That list ought to be selected by the County Commissioners of each county from the different townships. A few of the very best and most intelligent men in each township should be enrolled, and out of that number the jury should be taken.

By this method the intelligence and moral fitness of juries could be greatly improved. Justice would be administered with greater economy, greater promptness and with greater certainty. Less would depend on the skill of the advocate, and more on the facts of the case.

I saw recently in a New York city paper a statement which illustrates the cumbrous and costly nature of the trial by jury as it is now practiced in this country. One Buddensiek was indicted for manslaughter. The offense consisted in his having erected a building in an unsafe and dangerous manner, which

building had fallen and crushed a man to death. Several days were consumed in getting a jury. At length, however, a jury of twelve good and lawful men was obtained and the trial set for the day following. Meantime the jury were permitted to go at large. But twelve detectives were detailed to shadow that jury! Each detective picked out his particular man, and his duty was to watch that man and to see that no outsider should influence him in advance or during the trial by bribes, by intimidation, or other improper influence. Twelve detectives were set to watch twelve good men, selected out of a multitude for their eminent qualifications to try the case fairly, and prevent these good and lawful men from being bribed or terrorized! O tempora! O mores! And has the palladium of civil liberty come to this? It seems inconvenient and expensive enough to require twelve men to try a case, but when you have to employ twelve other men to watch those first twelve, the jury trial becomes doubly expensive and unwieldy. Perhaps, in the course of events we shall read in the papers of twelve other men employed to watch the twelve detectives, and see that they do not connive at the bribery of the good and lawful men on the jury.

But I say, away with all this foolishness. It is time that we were looking at this subject from a common sense point of view. We commit to a single judge on the bench the duty of declaring the law in cases of life and death, and as a court of last resort, from which there can be no appeal except to executive clemency we appoint three judges. But we take care to place good men in these positions. We do not insist on twelve judges on the bench. In that case our judgment tells us there is no magic in the numbers twelve, yet we fear to give it up in the case of juries lest some unforeseen evils should follow. How often in this land of Anglo-Saxon liberty has the spectacle of an important criminal trial been presented with on able, learned and upright judge on the bench to ascertain the law, and twelve ignoramuses in the jury-box to determine the facts?

One word more and I have done. Why is it that the able and learned members of the legal profession have never seen these things and called attention to them? Why do they not move in the matter of reforming the trial by jury? The answer is obvious. The legal profession is eminently conservative. It is only recently that John Doe and Richard Roe have been kicked out of court. Those excellent but entirely suppositious persons haunted our courts of law for hundreds of years. They were the pets of the greatest land lawyers in England and America for ages.

If you had told Lord Coke, or Sir William Blackstone, that John Doe and Richard Roe were useless persons and bound to go, they would have lifted up their hands in holy horror and cried out *apage Satana!* But we should recollect further that a large portion of the business of the legal profession arises out of this very trial by jury. If a lawyer can build up a reputation for bamboozling a jury, his fortune is made.

In view of these things, how can we expect the legal profession to move in this matter unless they are urged forward by a powerful public opinion?

And now, gentlemen, I have come to the main point and moral of my discourse, which is to urge upon this intelligent body of men, who exert so potent an influence in creating and preserving a sound public opinion, the duty of giving their thoughts to this momentous question. In my opinion it overshadows every other public question in importance. Crime is rampant in the land—it must be suppressed. There is no way to suppress it except by the expeditious and certain administration of justice. And

I am not sure that will do it. But it is a remedy certainly worth trying.

And along with the improvement of the methods of administering justice in the courts, let the decree go forth that mob law shall cease. Then will the ideal of Sir William Jones, the poet-lawyer be realized—

“And sovereign law the States collected will
Sit empress; crowning good, repressing ill.”

God grant that we may all live to see it.

On motion of G. W. Blount, the thanks of the Association were tendered Mr. Bryan for his able address, and it was ordered to be published in the Minutes of the Association.

After some discussion on the question of incorporating the Association on motion of Mr. Frick, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

The election of officers for the next twelve months was entered into, with the following result:

J. A. Robinson was unanimously elected President by a rising vote.

R. K. Bryan, G. A. Frick and H. C. Wall were elected Vice-Presidents.

J. H. Lindsay was elected Secretary and Treasurer by a rising vote.

J. D. Kernodle was unanimously elected Assistant Secretary.

Rev. P. R. Law was elected Chaplain.

The following were chosen to constitute the Executive Committee: E. C. Hackney, W. W. McDiarmid, G. W. Blount, R. H. Cowan and S. A. Ashe.

G. W. Blount was elected Orator for the next meeting. H. C. Wall was elected Poet.

W. W. McDiarmid was elected Historiographer.

Waynesville and Shelby were put in nomination for the next place of meeting. Upon balloting, Shelby was selected.

Mr. Frick offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit the thanks of the Association to the Carolina Central, the Wilmington and Weldon, the C. F. & Y. V., the A. and N. C., the R. and G. and the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Companies for courtesies extended in assisting the members to reach this meeting.

J. H. Lindsay offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the proprietors of Hotel Brunswick for the use of their Hall, in which to hold our annual meetings; and also to Capt. Harper of the steamer “Passport,” for courtesies extended to the members of the Association.

Col. Charles E. Jones was elected Alternate Orator, and G. A. Frick, Alternate Poet.

After discussion, participated in by McDiarmid, Frick, Crews, Robinson, London and Lindsay, the following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

“Art. 3—Sec. 9. Gentlemen who have been connected with this Association and have afterwards retired from the profession

of journalism, may be elected honorary members by a vote of the active members present at any meeting."

The following addresses were made upon the practical headings selected from the President's oration:

"The Need of Educated Editors," Mr. Ellsworth, representing the Henderson Gold Leaf. "Family and Sensational Newspapers," by J. H. Lindsay of the Kernersville News and W. J. Boylin of the Monroe Enquirer and Express. "The Cash and Credit System," by J. A. Robinson of the Winston Leader and W. W. McDiarmid of the Lumberton Robesonian. Remarks were made upon the latter subject by H. A. London of the Chatham Record and J. H. Small of the Washington Gazette.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association assembled at 3 o'clock, p. m., with President Daniels in the chair.

After the installation of the newly-elected officers, the following resolution was offered by R. K. Bryan:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and they are hereby tendered to the retiring officers of the Association for their faithful performance of duty during their term just expired.

J. H. Small of the Washington Gazette, made a few remarks, in which he congratulated the Association on having become a thorough business organization.

A vote of thanks was tendered J. M. Curry, President of the Wilmington Produce Exchange, for an invitation to meet at their rooms tomorrow, and regrets expressed that an acceptance was impossible.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at Shelby at such time as the Executive Committee might determine upon.

Meeting of 1886

Held in Morehead City, June 1886

(From The Asheville Citizen, June 24, 1886)

The 14th session of the N. C. Press Association met here yesterday morning and adjourned to-night, after an unusually interesting session, the attendance having been larger than for three years, 46 papers having been represented; and I was pleased to note among the attendance quite a number of the old members—those we were wont to meet several years since at these annual reunions—and the young element we have been meeting for the past five or six years is rapidly growing “gray in harness” and will soon have left the realms of “trained journalists” and become journalists in fact.

The session throughout has been pleasant and instructive, the general discussions having been upon subjects of importance to the interests of the State as well as to the press—that of the necessity of establishing industrial schools in the State receiving the greatest attention and being the most ably handled.

Today the election of officers resulted in the election of Mr. J. I. McRee, of the Raleigh News-Observer, as President—a good selection, as he will prove an efficient and polite official, reflecting credit on the association; Mr. J. H. Lindsey was re-elected Secretary, and Messrs. McDiarmid, Josephus Daniels, Jordan Stone, C. B. Green and T. R. Manning made the Executive Committee.

We have been the guests of the Atlantic Hotel, now under the management of Messrs. Cook & Foster Bros. of Raleigh—young men of pluck, energy and ability, and who evidently know how to keep a hotel. The season is just opening here, and we are pleased to learn that the attendance during the season will be large—engagements are already made with some 400 parties, and by the last of this month the Atlantic will be filled with the pleasure seekers from every section. Everything about the house is in excellent order, while the dining room watched over by “GRAY,” of Yarborough notoriety, has proved an attraction to others beside McDiarmid.

Indeed the hotel this year cannot fail to give satisfaction.

We have spent the hours intervening between the sessions in sailing on the sound and across the bar, (sometimes across to the “bar”) and have not forgotten of course the surf bathing, to forget which would be to leave Morehead without obtaining the chief object for which one comes here.

I have met here several of the members with whom I visited Boston a couple of years ago, among them the dignified and able London, the genial Lamb of Elizabeth City, and the “quiet” genius who presides over the columns of the Robesonian.

Altogether this session of the Association reminds us greatly

of a few years ago, and evidences the fact that there is still life in the State Press.

ON THE TRAIN SATURDAY MORNING

Our party left Morehead this morning for Greensboro en route for Washington City for the purpose of instructing Congress as to what is best for the country at large, and the rest of mankind, but more particularly to air our importance and to impress the President with the good looks of the North Carolina Press in general. Some 45 papers will be represented, and there is every indication that a pleasant and instructive trip is ahead of us.

Sunday and Monday will be spent in Washington and some of the party will doubtless remain longer. I shall take dots of men and things for the benefit of your readers.

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Following this meeting the editors were taken to Washington, D. C., arriving there Sunday morning, after a 26-hours ride.

Meeting of 1887

Held in Hendersonville, July 1887

THE PRESS CONVENTION

(From The Asheville Citizen, July 21, 1887).

On next Wednesday, 20th, the North Carolina Press Association will convene in annual session at Hendersonville. We wish every paper in the State would be represented. Aside from the charms of Hendersonville and its surroundings, and the hospitalities of its people, the real interests of the press can be well subserved by such gathering. The personal association, the interchange of thought on subjects of journalistic and State concern, all tend to an increased usefulness, and higher dignity and influence of the press. Everything indicates a large attendance. The good people of Hendersonville are making earnest preparations for a large attendance, and nothing will be left undone on their part to make the occasion most enjoyable. For all interests concerned let there be a full attendance, and let full consideration be given to such matters as not only concern journalism itself, but such interests of the State as a united press can well foster. We look forward to a most useful meeting of our brethren this month.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Hendersonville, July 21.

The Press Convention elected the following officers today:

President: T. B. Eldridge, of Lexington.

Vice-Presidents: T. R. Manning, H. C. Wall and J. A. Thomas.

Secretary and Treasurer: J. H. Lindsey.

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer: F. P. Davis.

Executive Committee: J. B. Sherrill, Jordan Stone, C. C. Daniels, Josephus Daniels, N. B. Broughton.

Chaplain: Rev. Jos. E. Carter.

Historiographer: Mr. Nunn F. Newbern.

Orator: W. G. Burkehead.

Poet: W. H. Blount.

OFFICERS AND DATA OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Year	President	Vice-Presidents	Sec. and Treas.	Place of Meeting
1873-'74	Maj. Joseph A. Engelhard	Jordan Stone, J. C. Mann, P. F. Duffy	J. A. Bonitz	Goldsboro
1874-'75	Maj. Joseph A. Engelhard	C. N. B. Evans, P. F. Duffy, Geo. W. Nason, Jr.	J. R. T. Fulghum	Raleigh
1875-'76	Col. J. D. Cameron	Col. Chas. R. Jones, Dossey Battle, J. S. Tomlinson	R. T. Fulghum	Wilmington
1876-'77	Col. J. D. Cameron	R. M. Furman, W. W. McDiarmid, R. B. Creedy	R. T. Fulghum	New Bern
1877-'78	Col. W. L. Saunders	C. B. Creedy, R. M. Furman, H. A. London	W. A. Davis	Charlotte
1878-'79	Col. W. L. Saunders	Col. R. B. Creedy, G. S. Bradshaw, J. W. Goslen	Jordan Stone	Catawba Springs
1879-'80	Dossey Battle	J. A. Robinson, Dr. Paley, John, Josephus Daniels	Jordan Stone	Goldsboro
1880-'81	Capt. S. A. Ashe	E. C. Hackney, E. G. Harrell, Chas. E. Jones	Jordan Stone	Asheville
1881-'82	G. S. Bradshaw	H. C. Wall, R. K. Bryan, G. A. Frick	Jordan Stone	Winston
1882-'83	G. S. Bradshaw	T. B. Eldridge, H. C. Wall, George A. Frick	Jordan Stone	Elizabeth City
1883-'84	H. A. London	Thad. R. Manning, H. C. Wall, J. A. Thomas	J. A. Robinson	Waynesville
1884-'85	Josephus Daniels	J. A. Thomas, C. F. Crutchfield, W. W. McDiarmid	J. H. Lindsay	Raleigh
1885-'86	J. A. Robinson	D. J. Whitchard, J. D. Kernodle, D. F. St. Clair	J. H. Lindsay	Smithville
1886-'87	J. L. McRee	S. A. Ashe, W. W. Scott, Robert Haydn	J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1887-'88	T. B. Eldridge	E. E. Hilliard, Jerome Dowd, R. A. Deal	J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1888-'89	Thad. R. Manning	Jerome Dowd, H. A. Latham, F. M. Williams	J. B. Sherrill	Lenoir
1889-'90	W. W. McDiarmid	Z. W. Whitehead, W. F. Marshall, R. A. Deal	J. B. Sherrill	Durham
1890-'91	J. P. Caldwell	W. F. Marshall, W. F. Marshall, W. K. Jacobson	J. B. Sherrill	Winston
1891-'92	J. A. Thomas	J. B. Whitaker, J. T. Britt, W. S. Herbert	J. B. Sherrill	Charlotte
1892-'93	E. E. Hilliard	W. S. Herbert, D. J. Whitchard, J. D. Boone	J. B. Sherrill	New Bern
1893-'94	Jerome Dowd	Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D. Beni, Bell, H. S. Blair	J. B. Sherrill	Morgantown
1894-'95	W. C. Stevens	J. A. Thomas, H. C. Martin, W. S. Herbert	J. B. Sherrill	Greensboro
1895-'96	R. B. Clark	M. L. Shipman, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, J. J. Farriss	J. B. Sherrill	Wilmington
1896-'97	R. B. Whitaker, Jr.	Benj. Bell, Rev. P. J. Law, J. D. Bivins	J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1897-'98	J. B. Whitaker, Jr.	M. L. Shipman, R. M. Phillips, J. C. Caddell	J. B. Sherrill	Waynesville
1898-'99	D. J. Whitchard	T. J. Lassiter, Clyde R. Hoey, W. B. Westlake	J. B. Sherrill	Carolina Beach
1900-'01	Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D.	J. C. Hardy, W. B. Cochran, H. R. Kinlaw	J. B. Sherrill	Asheville
1901-'02	W. F. Marshall	J. A. Thomas, J. Z. Green, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D.	J. B. Sherrill	Greensboro
1902-'03	H. B. Varner	M. L. Shipman, J. H. Caine, T. G. Cobb	J. B. Sherrill	Hendersonville
1903-'04	H. B. Varner	J. H. Caine, H. C. Martin, J. T. Fain	J. B. Sherrill	Wrightsville
1904-'05	H. B. Varner	W. C. Hammer, A. J. Conner, D. L. St. Clair	J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1905-'06	R. M. Phillips	J. H. Cowan, Bion H. Butler, E. E. Britton	J. B. Sherrill	Chase City, Va.
1906-'07	T. J. Lassiter	Sanford Martin, R. F. Beasley, W. B. Harker	J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1907-'08	Archibald Johnson	J. A. Sharp, Z. W. Whitehead, R. T. Wade	J. B. Sherrill	Charlotte
1908-'09	J. A. Thomas	R. T. Wade, Isaac S. London, Miss Beatrice Cobb	J. B. Sherrill	Wrightsville Beach
1909-'10	Rev. J. O. Atkinson	E. E. Britton, Sanford Martin, W. B. Harker	J. B. Sherrill	Hendersonville
1910-'11	M. L. Shipman	Mrs. W. C. Hammer, A. W. Burch, H. G. Braxton	J. B. Sherrill	Lenoir
1911-'12	J. H. Caine	R. T. Wade, S. H. Farabee, Mrs. W. C. Hammer	J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1912-'13	J. H. Caine	R. F. Beasley, Lee B. Weathers, Chas. A. Webb	J. B. Sherrill	Asheville
1913-'14	Clarence Poe	A. C. Huneycutt, H. Galt Braxton, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter	J. B. Sherrill	Wrightsville Beach
1914-'15	W. C. Hammer	Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, J. T. Perkins, Stacy Brewer	J. B. Sherrill	Monrovia
1915-'16	J. H. Cowan	Lee B. Weathers	J. B. Sherrill	Asheville
1916-'17	E. E. Britton	A. L. Stockton	J. B. Sherrill	Wrightsville Beach
1917-'18	Sanford Martin	J. W. Noell	J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1918-'19	Z. W. Whitehead	J. L. Horne, Jr.	J. B. Sherrill	Waynesville
1919-'20	J. A. Sharp	Herbert Peele	J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1920-'21	J. F. Sherrill		J. B. Sherrill	Wrightsville Beach
1921-'22	J. B. Sherrill		J. B. Sherrill	Waynesville
1922-'23	J. C. A. Webb		J. B. Sherrill	Shelby
1923-'24	C. A. Webb		J. B. Sherrill	Blowing Rock
1924-'25	H. Galt Braxton		J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1925-'26	J. W. Atkins		J. B. Sherrill	Asheville
1926-'27	A. C. Huneycutt		J. B. Sherrill	Hickory
1927-'28	A. L. Stockton		J. B. Sherrill	Morehead City
1928-'29	Lee B. Weathers		J. B. Sherrill	Sedgefield
1929-'30	W. C. Dowd, Jr.		J. B. Sherrill	Elizabeth City

